



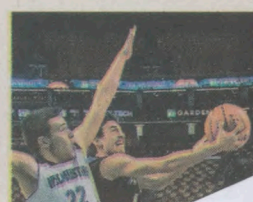
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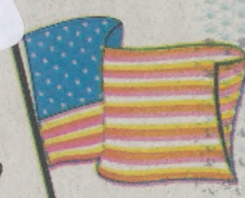
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## The Public Square: New and evolving venues for civic discussion

By CHRISTINA HAINES  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — With the growth of social media over the past few decades and the finger-pointing and name-calling of the partisan divide as alive as ever, many across the country are increasingly wondering, “what ever happened to the public square?”

Put more verbosely, where is the neutral gathering place where a cross-section of community members come together to exchange their views on civic and social issues in a respectful way?

Political scientists like Robert Putnam, author of the widely read *Bowling Alone*, or sociologist Ray Oldenburg, author of *The Great Good Place*, are among many academics who have offered fodder to a national dialogue about the venues in which citizens engage in civic discourse.

A new crop of grassroots initiatives and reimagined community venues are emerging with an answer to that question.

“Community starts here” is the tagline of the Wilmington Memorial Library, and staying abreast of the evolving role of libraries in American civic life is front of mind for Library Director Tina Stewart.

“This is a place that offers a neutral setting for people to voice different opinions,” said Stewart.

With circulation declining, community libraries are more often being assessed on the scope and quality of their programming than the sheer size of their collections. From 2012-2017, the number of programs offered by the Wilmington Memorial Library has nearly doubled, and attendance has kept pace, with over 19,000 attendees across the library’s 911 programs offered in 2017.

Quite a few of these programs have focused on civic issues and domestic and international affairs, including the popular “Great Decisions” discussion series. The 6-part discussion series based on materials created by the Foreign Policy Association looks at multifaceted issues like trade and nuclear security. The discussion is led by skilled facilitator Keith West and a new series is starting up in spring 2018.

Other recent offerings at the library addressed hot

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## Remembering Jackie

▲ Paul “Fully” Fullerton and his sister Gail Fullerton, siblings of John “Jackie” Fullerton gathered Monday noon at his memorial by Wilmington’s Silver Lake with friends and family to observe the 50th anniversary of Jackie’s death in Vietnam. Holding a portrait of Jackie is Fred Shine (US Navy) with his grandson Mason Beers, from Nashua. Next to Mason is Roy Flagg (US Army), from Tewksbury. Mr Flagg was with Jackie in boot camp. In the rear are Josh Buckland, Stu Neilson (US Navy), Brad Lowman, Lori Carrasco Lowman. Wearing the Vietnam Veteran jacket is Mike Kelley, behind him is Wilmington’s Veteran’s Agent Lou Cimaglia (US Army) and to the far right is Wilmington’s former Town Manager, Mike Caira who was also a friend of Jackie’s throughout high school. Also attending, but not included in the photo were Jackie’s nephew Derek Fullerton and Bob Hand. (Photo: BruceHilliard.com)

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▲ OSRAM Wilmington employees will all be signing a huge postcard to Children's Hospital. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

## OSRAM support's Boston Children's Hospital

# Lighting giant flips switch for kids in need

By LISA KENNEDY-COX  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — OSRAM’s expansive lobby’s uplifting lighting is intuitively intended to respond to the gray January day. Piled on a table, wristbands designed by the company emit a soft blue light in support of Boston Children’s Hospital’s Every Child Fund, and printed on the bracelet, their promise, “Until every child is well.”

On the other side of the lobby, flanked with red, white and blue balloons, a

table is stacked with cupcakes and hot chocolate for employees and guests of the event.

OSRAM executives gathered Monday morning at Boston Children’s Hospital to commemorate and announce a three-year partnership between the two followed by a later announcement at their regional headquarters on 200 Ballardvale St. in Wilmington.

The company, which located to Wilmington from Danvers in 2015, has transformed from a traditional lighting manufacturer into a global

high-tech lighting giant focused on components and applications that use visible and invisible light to improve quality of life.

According to an OSRAM spokesperson on the partnership: “Therefore, [OSRAM] was a natural choice when Boston Children’s Hospital sought a partner for the program that will celebrate the many impacts of light on all of our lives, and helps support an important program that serves many Boston Children’s patient families

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## ZBA hearing for proposed detox center

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Appeals has received an application of hearing for the proposed detox facility to be built at 362 Middlesex Ave. The purpose of the hearing, according to the application posted on the board’s website, is to request the necessary special permit — which is only the first step in the process.

Board of Appeals Secretary Toni La Rivee has created a page for all of the information about what the Board of

Appeals has to do with the proposed facility. This document explains that the board has only received this application along with a layout and materials plan from the applicant as of Aug. 14 of 2017. It means, according to La Rivee, that the board is only beginning to review the plans, so they’re in the preliminary stages of the proposal for the special permit.

While the website states that the public hearing is scheduled for the next board meeting, Feb. 14, it does not

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## Superintendent candidate slate to be announced

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — After many months of negotiation, planning, and waiting, the Town of Wilmington is very close to learning who the finalists for the Superintendent of Schools position are.

“I am thrilled to say that our selection committee has done amazing work,” School Committee Chairman Stephen Bjork said at a meeting on Jan. 24.

According to NESDEC liaison Jennifer Bryson, NESDEC is currently processing the slate of candidates decided upon by the Selection Committee. The full slate will be brought before the School Committee at a pub-

lic meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

“On behalf of the School Committee, and the Town of Wilmington, we would like to thank the screening committee for the many hours they devoted to reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and deliberating during the preliminary selection process,” Bryson said. “Conversations were excellent and lively, insightful and courteous. It was a pleasure to work with this group of dedicated people.”

Residents can expect candidates with the qualities they prioritized in their feedback to the School Committee. According to Bryson, Screening Committee mem-

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# Bridging the Digital Divide Podcast

By BRAD MCKENNA  
Technology Librarian

Wikipedia defines the term "digital divide" as a gap in terms of access to and usage of information and communication technology. Although the digital divide is often related to access based on socioeconomic factors, it is also refers to the gap of having or not having the knowledge and skills needed to utilize the technologies regardless of economic status of the individual.

Technology Librarian Brad McKenna and WCTV's Lisa Kapala co-host the podcast "Bridging the Digital Divide" that tries to address this knowledge gap and also share first hand experiences of people encountering technology in their daily life.

This podcast provides an introduction to technology terms and concepts. For example, the "Cyber Vocab" episode, explains the definition of RAM and SSD and USB. During the "Internet of Things" episode, Brad and Lisa discuss how machines, and not just people, are connected to the Internet. The Digital Security episode offers some tips on how to stay safe online.

Library Director Tina Stewart and Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood have both been guests on the podcast sharing stories about their first encounters with technology and dealing with the rapid change of technology.

Given that a podcast is an online radio program broadcast via the Internet rather than the airwaves, it may not be familiar to everyone. However, Brad and Lisa hope those who may be unfamiliar with this technology will give it a try and listen in.

You can find episodes of the Bridging the Digital Divide on WCTV's SoundCloud page: <https://soundcloud.com/wctvpodcasting/sets/bridging-the-digital-divide> or on the library's website <https://wilmlibrary.org/bdd>.

If you want to know more about how to access this podcast and others, sign up for one of Brad's Tech Help sessions at the library by calling 978-658-2967 or drop in on Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. for Device Drop In.

Finally, we are also proud to announce that the "Digital Divide" podcast recently garnered the Best Podcast award at the Massachusetts Creator Awards.

## Wilmington seeks Good Guy nominations

WILMINGTON — "We know what you have all been waiting for!" said the Wilmington Good Guy Committee.

February's here and the time is right for.... nominating the 2018 Wilmington Good Guy! It seems like just yesterday that Wilmington whirlwind Becky McGrath was named the 2017 Good Guy. Becky continues to do great things with WOW and in the community, but now is the time

to start thinking about this year's deserving nominees.

Who is that special person who makes that extra commitment to Wilmington? Who volunteers their time without asking anything in return? Who is that person that you wish you could hang out with, but they don't have the time because they are always too busy doing things for others?

The town still has plenty of Good Guys but only one

get's to carry the official title each year. Please consider submitting your nomination for the one person who stands out in the community above all the others! Let the Good Guy Committee know what makes THEM so special.

The 2018 Wilmington Good Guy will be recognized on May 11, 2018, but they won't be there unless you nominate them and tell the committee a little about them.

Nominations can be mailed to the Wilmington Good Guy Committee c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold Ave. Wilmington OR they can be emailed to [wgoodguy@verizon.net](mailto:wgoodguy@verizon.net). Nominations will be accepted through 5 p.m. on March 27, 2018.

There is plenty of time, but time passes quickly and the deadline will be here before you know it. Help the town celebrate and welcome the 2018 Wilmington Good Guy.



## Pack 361 crosses over

Scouts Cameron Jenks, Austin Jagler, Ben Jamieson, Tyler Florencio, Spencer Bagtaz and Vibhush Sivakumar with their ceremonial walking sticks at the Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony. (photo BruceHilliard.com)

## WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE  
WCTV Executive Director

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Last week, I attended the Massachusetts Creator Awards in Boston, recognizing the top media being produced in the state. This is the first awards night focused exclusively on community content that's created in Massachusetts and the 15 categories ranged from Civic Engagement and News to Comedy and Culinary.

In the category of Best Podcast, the winner is Wilmington's own "Bridging the Digital Divide." This is the brainchild of WCTV's Lisa Kapala and Brad McKenna from the Wilmington Memorial Library. About once a

month, they get into the Podcast studio to talk tech... answering questions and touching on topics that we all want to learn more about. It's a good example of WCTV's partnership with the Library, working together to reach the community.

WCTV's Podcast studio is open to WCTV members who want to create audio content. Training is available. You can find WCTV Podcasts on the Podcast section of our webpage or through iTunes and SoundCloud. Just search for WCTV. We not only have original audio programming, but we also

make audio files of our popular studio programs, so you can listen to those interviews on the go.

Now, after all this, you may be asking: But what is a podcast??? If you're new to the concept, think of it like "talk radio on the go." You don't need to tune into a specific channel at a specific time. You can instead click on a podcast and listen to a program at a time that's best for you. I find it's great for your commute or as you're doing chores around the house.

### New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You

can also watch them at [WCTV.org](http://WCTV.org).

• **WHS Boys Basketball vs. Shawsheen Tech (WCTV Education):** This game was Saturday morning at the TD Garden in Boston. We were happy to be able to capture the experience!

• **Zoning Explainer:** If you're confused by all the talk about a proposed detox center and what the process looks like, watch this video that tries to explain the steps involved in getting a special permit.

• **In the Loop (WCTV Education):** Athletic Director Tim Alberts stops into the studio to talk about the fall and winter sports seasons.

• **Board of Selectmen (WCTV Government):** Watch Monday evening's budget

presentation.

• **School Committee (WCTV Government):** Watch Wednesday evening's unveiling of the superintendent finalists.

• **Wildlife of Wilmington (WCTV Public):** Here's a short compilation of wildlife that was captured on camera over the past few months by resident Mark Holleran.

Check out [WCTV.org](http://WCTV.org) for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

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## TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS WHO OWE TAXES

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**Direct Pay:** Pay tax bills directly from a checking or savings account free with IRS Direct Pay. Taxpayers receive instant confirmation once they've made a payment. With Direct Pay, taxpayers can schedule payments up to 30 days in advance. Change or cancel a payment two business days before the scheduled payment date.

**Credit or Debit Cards:** Taxpayers can also pay their taxes by debit or credit card online, by phone or with a mobile device. A payment processor will process payments. The IRS does not charge a fee but convenience fees apply and vary by processor.

**Installment Agreement:** Taxpayers who are unable to pay their tax debt immediately may be able to make monthly payments. Before applying for any payment agreement, taxpayers must file all required tax returns. Apply for an installment agreement with the Online Payment Agreement tool. Who's eligible to apply for a monthly installment agreement online?

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▲ From left, Writers Group guests Larry Stanford, Jeff Higgs, Mark Ryan with Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall. (Photo courtesy of Don Leard)

## Townie writers take over book stew

WILMINGTON — All she wanted was to share her writing and to learn from other authors. What Barbara Alebras got was a volunteer gig as Facilitator for the three Writers Groups at

the Wilmington Memorial Library.

In the first of a two-parter, meet Barbara, Larry Sanford, Mark Ryan, and Jeff Higgs on the February episode of Book Stew on WCTV.

Please check out this new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at noon. To watch online, use this link for the latest episode

<http://wctv.org/bookstew/> Instructions are also available at that link for finding and viewing any of the prior 52 Book Stew programs.



## History:

# Jackie Fullerton died in '68 Saigon embassy attack

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Tet marks the lunar new year in Vietnam. It also has meaning in Wilmington, but for a very different reason.

50 years ago, the NLF, the Viet Cong, launched an offensive effort against U.S. and allied forces in Vietnam. On Jan. 31, 1968, the first day of that offense, Pfc. John J. Fullerton of Wilmington was killed at the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. He was the second man from Wilmington to die in the Vietnam war.

Fullerton had been assigned to duty at the embassy after being wounded three times while on patrol in the jungles of Vietnam.

Two weeks before he died, Fullerton wrote home telling his family of his assignment at the embassy, assuring his mother he would be home on July 4.

"I've got a wonderful job now. There is nothing to worry about. I've got an inside job now, and you'd never know that there was a war going on outside!" he wrote.

Jackie had earned that job, and his commanding officer knew it. He had seen more than his share of action and had twice been awarded the Purple Heart. His first injury was from a land mine, at the end of June, two days after he had landed in Vietnam. On July 28, after he had rejoined his outfit, he was injured by a grenade, with injuries to one ear, right arm

and chest. He spent 13 days in the hospital on that one. On the 13th of November, Jackie was wounded on the right leg and buttocks, a 13-inch wound that took 18 stitches to close.

So his commanding officer, believing that he deserved a break, assigned him to the relatively safe duty of guarding the embassy.

The U.S. Embassy was a brand-new six-story building in a four-acre walled complex. It had been completed in September 1967. It seemed quite secure.

Then at 3 a.m. on Jan. 31, 19 Viet Cong made their way into the embassy grounds after blowing a hole in the eight-foot wall. After six hours of intense action, 17 of the invaders were dead, and two captured.

The last picture of Fullerton was taken during that fight. It appeared only a few hours later on the pages of the Boston Globe, showing him as an unidentified military policeman, taking a wounded civilian to an ambulance. The same picture was later published in Life magazine.

Fullerton was killed when an anti-tank missile struck the tower which he was defending. He was one of five GIs killed that day in the embassy.

He had been scheduled for a 10-day rest and recreation leave, to be spent in Bangkok, Thailand, beginning on Feb. 6. Instead, he came home for

his funeral, which was held on Feb. 14.

John Joseph Fullerton, Jr. was the oldest of eight children. He was born in Cambridge on May 11, 1948. The family moved to Wilmington and he started school here, in the first grade. He was in Little League for four years, and was in the Cub Scouts.

As a junior in high school, he worked part time at Sweetheart Plastics, and also as a part-time custodian in the high school. He was on the football team, and also enjoyed other sports.

John Fullerton, Sr. was well-known as one of the custodians at Wilmington High School. Mrs. Fullerton has worked for Sweetheart Plastics and in the cafeteria of the Glen Road School. His brothers and sisters were Walter, Paul, Maureen, David, Robert, Gail and Patrick.

Jackie enlisted in the U.S. Army Airborne Division in Dec. 1966, hoping to be a paratrooper. But, after enlisting, his appendix had to be removed, and he was told that he could not stand the rough landings. So instead, he was put into the infantry and in June 1967, he left for Vietnam.

One letter to his family told the story of Sam. Sam was a nondescript mutt who had attached himself to the Americal Division's 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry.

To the men of A Company, 2nd Battalion, Sam was the "point dog," and a morale

booster, too. It was he who first detected the ambush on Nov. 13. Sam and Jack were the two who were injured in that brief fire-fight.

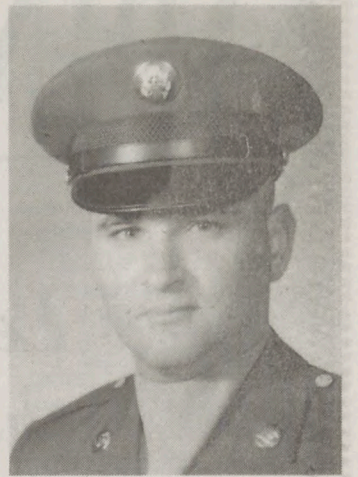
The medics got Jackie to a waiting helicopter, while another worked on Sam, who had suffered a bullet wound in the fleshy part of the neck. As the helicopter was about to take off, Sam got to his feet, and jumped in, much to the surprise of a medic in the helicopter. Sam and Jack rode to the hospital together, and Jackie wrote home about it. Sam later died of infection.

Commanders of the local veterans' organizations were at Logan Airport as the body

arrived home, and an honor guard was present during the visiting hours at Cavanaugh's. The funeral home had a double line out the door and down the street, and the building was packed with mourners Monday and Tuesday evenings.

With the solemn ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, and the simple stark pomp of the military escort from the U.S. Army, Pfc. John J. Fullerton was buried on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

An hour-long Solemn High Mass of Requiem in St. Dorothy's Church celebrated by the Rev. F. Joseph Leahy, with Fr. Lawrence Brennan as Deacon and Fr. John



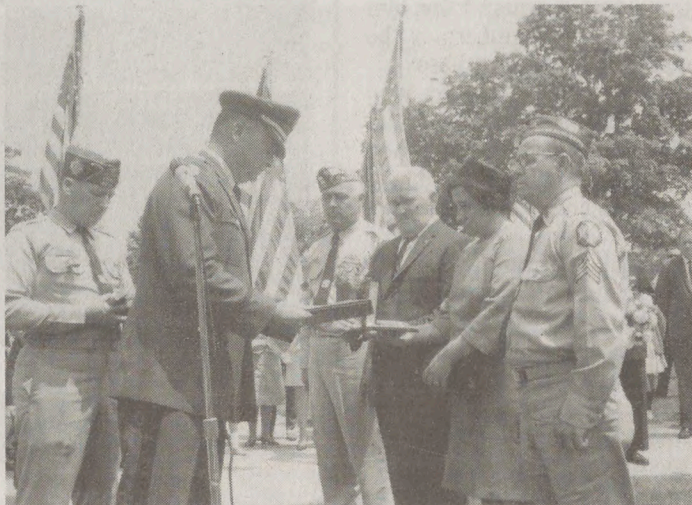
▲ PFC JOHN J. FULLERTON, JR.

Roberts as Sub Deacon. Fr. Francis Mackin of St. Thomas Church also attended the Mass.

Town Officials were present, including selectmen Jim Miceli and Wavie Drew, herself a Gold Star Mother. Town Manager Sterling Morris and Supt. of Schools Harold Shea also attended.

Nearly 20 years after his death, a memorial to John Fullerton was dedicated at Silver Lake. Wilmington has four Vietnam memorials, each one being of Wilmington granite. Each monument has the soldiers name on a piece of black granite from the national Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., with the soldier's name engraved exactly as it appears on that memorial.

The memorial for John Rich is on Lowell Street, next to the Textron tennis courts. On Main Street at Bridge Lane is a memorial to Richard Welch. And in front of the Wilmington Arts Center, the old Town Hall, is a memorial to Richard Parent.



▲ On Memorial Day 1968, the parents of Pfc. John J. Fullerton, Jr. were presented the medals that he had earned. Army Lt. Col. Richard Clark presented Mr. and Mrs. John Fullerton with the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Soldier's Medal. Jackie Fullerton had previously received two Purple Hearts. He was killed at the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Vietnam in January 1968. (Courtesy photo)

(Eds. note: this is part 1 of a two-part report on John "Jackie" Fullerton, a Wilmington native who died while fighting in Vietnam 50 years ago)

By MICHAEL L. KELLEY

The fog of war can distort and sometimes obliterate events of combat. And so it was with the Tet Offensive of 1968, when U.S. Army PFC John "Jackie" Fullerton Jr., age 19, found himself in the midst of the battle for the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, South Vietnam. How he got there and how history has lost him is his story.

Jackie was born May 11, 1948, and grew up in the small town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, just north of Boston. In grade school and high school, he made many life long friends.

They played baseball and football in the back lots, and rode their bikes along the country roads. As they became teenagers, they were known as the "Lake Crowd" by the locals, because they liked to hang out at Silver Lake Beach swimming, fishing, and drinking cold root beers at the corner variety store.

By the time Jackie was 17, he earned a spot on the high school football team, the "Wildcats."

Because of his size and strength, Jackie played full-back, number 32. He was known for his speed, endurance, and powerhouse plays when he got his hands on the ball. But as big and strong as Jackie was, he had a softer side.

He liked to spend hours riding and grooming a rented horse named "Poker Chip."

His father recalled how his son loved that old mare. When he turned 18, he bought his first car, a 1957 Plymouth sedan. His friends helped Jackie clean and tinker with the old machine until they got it up and running, and when they did, they would all pile in and ride over to Burlington to meet girls.

By 1966, the Vietnam War had arrived in Wilmington. Some of his friends had gone into military service, and one of them, John Rich, was killed in action on Sept. 1, 1966, while serving as a machine gunner with the U.S. Marines. His friend's death had a great emotional impact on Jackie, and he made up his mind to join the armed forces. His father, John J. Fullerton Sr., a World War II veteran, tried to talk his son into joining the Navy, but Jackie was a football star and he wanted to be where



▲ On a beautiful spot by Silver Lake, John J. Fullerton's memorial sits. We thank him and his family for their service on this 50th anniversary of his death in Vietnam. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

the action was.

In December of 1966, he left his senior year and beloved "Wildcats" to enter the U.S. Army Airborne. During basic training, Jackie became ill and doctors removed his appendix, disqualifying him from airborne school. They gave him the next best thing an action guy could want, U.S. Army Infantry School. Jackie was awarded MOS 11 Bravo Infantryman.

He came home on leave as a newly "minted" army "grunt," and after saying his goodbyes to family and friends, deployed to South Vietnam in June of 1967. Jackie arrived in-country at his new unit, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Division, which was out on "Search and Destroy" missions in Quang Ngai and Quang Tien Provinces, deep in Viet Cong NVA territory.

Two days after his arrival, his patrol was ambushed. During the firefight, Jackie was wounded by shrapnel from an enemy landmine. After medical treatment by army doctors, he was returned to his unit and awarded a Purple Heart medal by his commander.

A few weeks later, Company A clashed with with enemy forces, only this time, Jackie was hit by fragments from a hand grenade, leaving him with wounds to his chest, right arm, and ear. He was evacuated to a field hospital, where he spent 13 days recovering from his injuries. Released from the hospital, he returned to his unit, where he received his second Purple Heart medal.

While he was away, his squad had adopted a little mongrel dog named "Sam." They took Sam out on patrols and fed him from their C-Rations. On the night of Nov. 13, 1967, little Sam became a hero when he detected an enemy ambush, saving the lives of his squad. During this battle, some of the men, little Sam, and Jackie were wounded. Enemy fire had hit Jackie in the right leg and buttocks, opening a large wound which required 18 stitches to close.

Little Sam, however, was not so fortunate. He died from an infection of his wounds.

Army doctors told Jackie they were going to ship him stateside for additional medical care, but before they

could, he found a uniform and walked out of the hospital. He arrived back at his unit, where his company commander and first sergeant sat him down for a talk.

They told him his days as a "grunt" were over. Going back out on patrols would be pushing his luck after three serious wounds. They awarded Jackie his third Purple Heart medal, and a Combat Infantry Badge, then transferred him to the 716th Military Police Battalion in Saigon. Jackie was assigned to Company D, 52nd Infantry, a Security Guard unit which supported the Military Police to guard and protect the vast complex of military and government facilities in Greater Saigon.

After months humping through muddy rice paddies, steep mountain slopes, and triple canopy jungle, duty in Saigon was like a dream for Jackie. Clean sheets, hot showers, good food, cold beer, and beautiful girls along Tu Do Street. For a tired combat G.I., this was "Fat City!"

Jackie called home to tell his mother not to worry about him. He assured her he was safe and would be going to Thailand for R and R in February, and would be home by July. But fate is the hunter. His long streak of good luck was about to run its course.

By the time Jackie arrived in Saigon, he had lost about 40 pounds off of his big frame.

He was now tall and lean, more like a basketball player than the husky football star that he once was. The long, brutal months of grunt duty under hot blazing skies, along with his multiple wounds, poor diet, leeches, insect bites, and bouts of diarrhea had left the strong young man a shell of his old self.

Despite these many problems, he soldiered on, looking forward to his new duty assignment. Little did he know that his world was about to turn upside down.

Late January of 1968, an estimated 3,000 Viet Cong soldiers (four battalions) had infiltrated Saigon in preparation for a major nation wide Tet holiday offensive. Using the cover of thousands of civilians flowing into the city for the festivities, the VC dressed like civilians and rode in on buses, taxi cabs, private cars, or simply walked into the city with the large crowds.

They hid their weapons and equipment in small farm

carts or trucks loaded with produce and flowers. Others smuggled their weapons in the caskets of local funerals. Viet Cong agents who lived in Saigon, then hid the Viet Cong in their shops or homes, until the signal was given for the assault to begin. Each VC unit was assigned a target to attack in the city.

Jackie, of course, knew none of this. All he knew was that he was one lucky guy to find himself in the big city out of harm's way. The U.S. high command, however, knew that the enemy was about to launch a big attack based on intelligence gathered during preceding weeks when U.S. forces captured enemy POWs and documents outside of Saigon. What they did not know was the scope and size of the attack. It wasn't until the 716th M.P. Battalion and Jackie's unit, the 52nd Infantry, were placed on high alert, that he knew something was about to happen.

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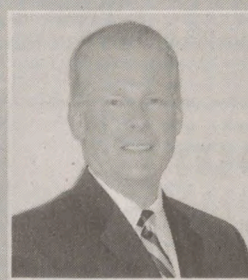
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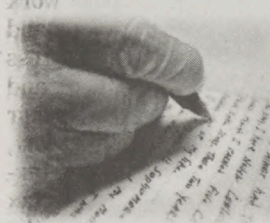
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# OPINION

Town Crier

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## Letters to the editor

### Rep. Miceli has been a strong voice on Beacon Hill

Dear editor,  
When I read a letter to the editor by Joe Dunn, I was initially confused as I have had the pleasure of knowing Rep. Miceli and all the work he has done for many years. After looking into Mr. Dunn's background and how he pitched his argument, however, I was able to see that this was a clear hit job that cherry-picked one day, shoe-horning half-truths to fit a certain political agenda.

When one looks at Jim's voting record, he has over a 93 percent voting record this year, and he only missed two amendments on the criminal justice bill votes contrary to Mr. Dunn's inaccurate claims. Jim voted on the vast majority of controversial amendments, which actually took place on Nov. 14, including the final votes on both the House-proposed and Senate-proposed bills.

In addition, Jim has attended scores of community events over the year, which I

know as fact as I often run into him at them. Be it our town-meeting, where he spoke extensively, the Christmas tree-lighting, where I saw him talking with members of the community, or elsewhere.

I also know of many who have called him, myself included, for assistance when dealing with all levels of government, with great success.

I find it ironic that Mr. Dunn, who is charged with tracking deposits accurately for a bank, could not track a simple voting record when researching the article he was ordered to write by whomever. With such a persistent, unexplained, and unfounded argument, one must wonder what Mr. Dunn's true goals are, and instead realize that the 19th Middlesex District has a strong voice on Beacon Hill that has represented us well.

Sincerely,  
Gary DePalma

### Socks have huge impact on women in Boston area

Dear editor,  
I would like to thank the generous residents of Tewksbury for coming out in force to support the December tube sock drive, and the Tewksbury Public Library for hosting the collection bin. An amazing 507 pairs of white, warm, clean, new socks will be distributed to homeless women through the work of Health Care Without Walls, a volunteer organization started by Dr. Roseanna Means to provide free healthcare on the streets and in shelters in Boston and beyond.

Footcare is an important component of health for homeless women who are often wearing donated shoes and who wear their socks until they fall apart. Fresh, clean socks give women warmth and dignity, something that has been taken from them given their situation. HCWW provides advocacy for homeless women who are increasingly aging, suffering from chronic ill-

nesses such as diabetes, heart disease and mental illness and despite many governmental resources, have fallen through the cracks.

Two key populations served are women over 60 and homeless mothers with newborns. I was honored to meet Dr. Means when I took the socks to her office. She explained that her group has saved the Commonwealth an estimated \$300,000 in health care costs through the efforts of their volunteer nurses and doctors. Something as small as a pair of socks can have a huge impact on women in the Greater Boston area.

I encourage you to continue supporting them by adding Health Care Without Walls on Amazon Smile, which donates a percentage of your purchases on Amazon to their cause. So again, thank you Tewksbury. You made a difference!

Rosalyn Impink  
Tewksbury

### Tewksbury Lions raise \$5k to support scholarship program

Dear editor:  
On Jan. 26, 2018 at the Tewksbury Country Club the Tewksbury Lions held a Sock Hop to benefit our Scholarship Fund.

Last year we gave five, \$1,500 Scholarships to deserving Tewksbury Students. We would like to personally thank Mr. Marc Ginsburg and the staff of Tewksbury Country Club for all their efforts. Also, a special thanks to Mr. Ginsburg for donating the use of the hall.

We would also like to thank

the residents of the town for supporting this event. Through everyone's efforts we were able to raise over \$5 thousand which will go a long way in Lions support of our Scholarship Program.

We would also like to thank all our Corporate Sponsors. For without their help we would not be able to accomplish so GREAT feats

Sincerely yours,  
Allen Hubbard  
President  
Tewksbury Lions Club



(Courtesy photo)

## TMHS Mock Trial Team begins season

By MATT FRONDUTO  
News Correspondent

On Friday, Jan. 26, Tewksbury High School's Mock Trial team was led into battle by club advisor Donna Hill, as they squared off against Chelmsford High in 2018's opening matchup.

For those unfamiliar, the Mock Trial program is one where schools face off against one another in a courtroom setting to debate a fictional court case, all the while simulating the procedure of a real-life trial.

The team at Tewksbury High has found relatively solid levels of success in past years, finishing with a 2-1 record for the 2017 season, but with multiple tal-

ented performers having graduated this past spring, how would the 2018 squad fare against a fresh wave of opponents?

Not too poorly, as it turns out.

Though TMHS lost their first match on Friday, it is important to recognize the circumstances under which that defeat occurred. In addition to sending out a team of several rookie participants, the school was faced with the challenge of sparring with Chelmsford High School's incredibly talented team.

Despite being only a club at TMHS, Chelmsford takes the activity far more seriously, turning Mock Trial into an elective, or essential-

ly an entire optional class devoted to what is regarded as an extracurricular for most other schools.

That said, the team lost by a total score of 91-84 (Participants are given a grade out of 10, and because there are 11 participants, overall scores are out of 110 points), which is a relatively small deficit for a Mock Trial match. The team competed well, especially considering that many of the participants were forced into positions in which they had not previously performed, so with that in mind, an average of 7.7 points per person is far from poor.

Fortunately, the club has the ability to turn their for-

tunes around, with matches being held this Friday (Feb. 2), and the following Friday (Feb. 9) as well, against Wilmington and Winchester, respectively. With new recruits finally learning the ropes, and veterans settling back into the positions in which they previously had found such great success, it would be no surprise to see Tewksbury hit its stride yet again.

And for those wondering, while visitors are a rarity during Mock Trial, make sure to check out the team's twitter account (@TMHS-MockTrial) for updates regarding the upcoming matchups, and good luck to the team!

## Puerto Rico storm damage hits hospitals hard on IV bags

By PAUL ANDREWS

This column will follow the pattern of the last two and cover several topics with the first being the unknown fact that the IV bags that are used in hospitals are connected to the damage from the storms in Puerto Rico, as most of the local hospitals, and for that matter beyond New England, depend on the IV bags made in that country for use in the ER, hospital operating rooms and patient facilities to administer IV fluids. The reality is that since the storm other locations have been found and substituted for the shortage but has complicated this essential component needed in our medical facilities.

### Flu issues

While I am on the issue of hospitals, I want to give a major shout-out to those news sources, doctors, nurses and local pharmacy stores pushing all to receive the flu vaccine, as the current situation shows some very sad stories of those who "catch" this years virus. Again, the point has been made that it is not too late to receive the vaccine, as local cases are beginning to show in the past couple of weeks, so your added immediate protection is vital.

The process of obtaining the injection is simple and as close to painless as one can get. Taking a chance that you will not be exposed to this virus is dangerous thinking. Along these same lines, the warnings are out for "hand-washing" several times a day as this virus could be on anything including door knobs in buildings where many people use railings or push bars on doors.

Many local building custodial staff are developing techniques to step up the cleaning of areas where this virus

could be but your best protection is to get the vaccine to protect yourself and those close to you. The current strain of virus has been reported to be very serious so why take that chance with your health.

### Hospital donations

Most medical facilities and major hospitals in our Town Crier area including Winchester Hospital and Lahey Clinic are most receptive to donations in any amount to offset the cost of medical care in today's world. Many patients have already established a donation plan with local hospitals, which is great for those able to make such donations. Certainly, I encourage such a procedure as the financial battle to maintain quality health care needs the assistance of all with a contact to your medical choice to have that discussion.

On a larger scale, the drug firm Biogen has donated \$10 million for Cambridge and Somerville STEM (science, technology and mathematics programs) for the students of the schools near their huge facility which is a huge help to the education of the students of these districts.

### Home meds issue

One of the most serious problems being found is the number of overdose cases that emanate from medicine cabinets in homes, where serious and strong medications were prescribed for a family member, are left for use or abuse. While many local police and fire departments have had "Saturday drop off days" my terms for times when the home found meds can be turned over, my sense is that many folks are unaware of the dangers awaiting a person who is

experiencing drug abuse and other anxieties to misuse these meds.

This issue has escalated in the recent decade as more powerful meds are being given to a patient for proper use and treatment but left over meds placed in a cabinet for problems to happen either accidentally or on purpose. As they say, it is better to be safe than sorry so eliminate the dangerous meds once their purpose has been served.

### Hotels sold out in Minnesota

Word has it that rooms in the area of next Sunday's Superbowl are in short supply as reports have come in that folks with tickets are finding they are going a considerable distance to find a place to stay. We are so fortunate

to have had the Pats' teams over the years as somehow they make the cold winter days and nights easier with some great football discussion.

While we see team injuries over the years, there is always that remarkable spirit that comes with a team that absolutely never quits and a coaching staff that always seems to find the play to bring a win. Go Pats. Also an add-on comment that it was great to see that Drew Bledsoe (remember him) was the honorary Pats team captain for the last game.

Just a note: Thanks for your many comments in Town Crier land and especially for taking the time to read this column and enjoy the rest of the night. Feel free to contact me at [andrews@masssupt.org](mailto:andrews@masssupt.org)

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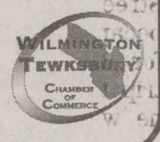
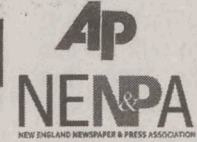
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# IRS announces opening of 2018 tax filing season

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service announced that it has successfully started accepting and processing 2017 Federal individual income tax returns as of Jan. 29. More than 155 million returns are expected to be filed this year.

People have until Tuesday, April 17, 2018, to file their 2017 returns and pay any taxes due. The filing tax deadline is later this year due to several factors. The usual April 15 deadline falls on Sunday this year, which would normally give taxpayers until at least the following Monday. However, Emancipation Day, a Washington, D.C., holiday, is observed on Monday, April 16, giving taxpayers nationwide an additional day to file. By law, Washington holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way Federal holidays do. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, to file.

The IRS expects more than 70 percent of taxpayers to get tax refunds this year. Last year, they issued nearly 112 million refunds, with an average refund of \$2,895.

"The IRS has a number of ways to help taxpayers this filing season, and we encourage people to look into the many options available," said Acting IRS Commissioner David Kautter. "The nation's tax professionals and software community work with the IRS and help make the tax filing process

easier for Americans. Today's filing season kick-off reflects many months of hard work by the nation's tax community and IRS employees. And we also appreciate the time and attention taxpayers take as they prepare and file their taxes."

## Use e-File and Free File

The IRS expects about 90 percent of returns to be filed electronically. Choosing e-file and direct deposit remains the fastest and safest way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund.

The IRS Free File program, available at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), gives eligible taxpayers a dozen options for brand-name products. Free File is a partnership with commercial partners offering free brand-name software to about 100 million individuals and families with incomes of \$66,000 or less. About 70 percent of the nation's taxpayers are eligible for IRS Free File. People who earned more than \$66,000 may use Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms.

The IRS issues more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days. However, it's possible a tax return may require additional review and take longer. "Where's My Refund?" has the most up to date information available about refunds. The tool is updated no more than once a day, so taxpayers don't need to check more often.

The IRS also notes that re-

funds cannot be issued before mid-February for taxpayers that claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC). This applies to the entire refund — even the portion not associated with these refundable credits. While the IRS will process returns containing the EITC and ACTC when they're received, these refunds cannot be issued before mid-February. So the IRS expects the earliest these refunds will be available in taxpayer bank accounts, or on their debit cards, will be Feb. 27, 2018. And that's if they chose direct deposit and there were no other issues with the tax return.

"Where's My Refund?" on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) and the IRS2Go mobile app remain the best ways to check the status of a refund. "Where's My Refund?" will be updated with projected deposit dates for most early EITC and ACTC refund filers Feb. 17, so those filers will not see a refund date on "Where's My Refund?" or through their software packages until then. The IRS, tax preparers and tax software will not have additional information on refund dates, so these filers should not contact or call about refunds before the end of February.

This law change gives the IRS more time to detect and prevent fraud. Even with the EITC and ACTC refunds and the additional security safeguards, the IRS still expects

to issue more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days. However, it's possible a particular tax return may require additional review and take longer.

Taxpayers are reminded that state tax agencies have their own refund processing timeframes that vary, and some states may make additional reviews to ensure their refunds are being issued properly. Even so, taxpayers and tax return preparers should file when they're ready. For those who usually file early in the year and are ready to file a complete and accurate return, there is no need to wait to file.

## Free Tax Help

Low- and moderate-income taxpayers can get help filing their tax return for free. More than 90,000 volunteers around the country can help people correctly complete their return. To get this help, taxpayers can visit one of the more than 12,000 community-based tax help sites that participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs. To find the nearest site, use the VITA/TCE Site Locator on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or the IRS2Go mobile app.

## Filing Assistance

No matter who prepares a federal tax return, by signing the return, the taxpayer becomes legally responsible for the accuracy of all information included. [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) offers a number of tips about

selecting a preparer and information about national tax professional groups.

The IRS urges all taxpayers to make sure they have received all their year-end statements before filing. This includes Forms W-2 from employers and Forms 1099 from banks and other payers. Doing so will help avoid refund delays and the need to file an amended return.

## Available Online tools

The IRS reminds taxpayers they have a variety of options to get help filing and preparing their tax return on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov), the official IRS website. Taxpayers can find answers to their tax questions and resolve tax issues online. The Let Us Help You page helps answer most tax questions, and the IRS Services Guide links to these and other IRS services.

Taxpayers can go to [IRS.gov/account](http://IRS.gov/account) to securely access information about their Federal tax account. They can view the amount they owe; pay online or set up an online payment agreement; access their tax records; review the past 18 months of payment history; and view key tax return information filed for the current year. Visit [IRS.gov/secureaccess](http://IRS.gov/secureaccess) to review the required identity authentication process. The IRS urges taxpayers to take advantage of the many tools and other resources available on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). IRS phone lines will be busy

again this year so, to save time, people should first visit the IRS website for tax assistance.

The IRS continues to work with state tax authorities and the tax industry to address tax-related identity theft and refund fraud. As part of their Security Summit effort, stronger protections for taxpayers and the nation's tax system are in effect for the 2018 tax filing season. The new measures attack tax-related identity theft from multiple sides. Many changes will be invisible to taxpayers but will help the IRS, states and the tax industry provide new protections. New security requirements will better protect tax software accounts and personal information.

## Signing and Validating Electronically Filed Tax Returns

All taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return. Some taxpayers using a tax filing software product for the first time may need their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) amount from their prior-year tax return to verify their identity.

Taxpayers using the same tax software they used last year will not need to enter their prior year information to electronically sign their 2017 tax return. Taxpayers can learn more about how to verify their identity and electronically sign tax returns at Validating Your Electronically Filed Tax Return on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

## Hello?

Tewksbury Public Library Assistant Teen Librarian Maria Hamm shows off a donut cell phone holder she made during the Decorate Donuts activity this week at the library. Yum! (Paige Impink photo)



## Rep. Miceli amends to benefit Camp Pohelo, North Street Elementary School

BOSTON — Following news of Representative Jim Miceli securing the release of monies for Into Action Recovery, it appears good news comes in twos or even threes. Two local education and programming priorities, repairs to the North Street Elementary School in Tewksbury and operations funding for the special needs program Camp Pohelo, have had state funding set for release as a result of Rep. Miceli's advocacy as ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The line-item for the North Street Elementary School became a budgeting target for Rep. Miceli following a trip to the school in which he witnessed firsthand the

need for repairs. The allocated funds of \$200,000 have been appropriated to be expended by the Tewksbury school department.

"A strong state starts with strong towns and cities, and well educated students in those municipalities. This additional funding for education and youth programming I placed in the budget will help guarantee the best quality services for our students and young residents, which I have always strongly believed to be a necessary place to invest," said Rep. Miceli. "As the Tewksbury School Board, administration, and I work with the MSBA with regards to a new elementary school we as a community can rest easy

knowing our current facilities are being maintained."

For decades, Camp Pohelo has been a staple of the summer. The camp, which began over 50 years ago in Melvin Rogers Park, is a six-week program which takes place mid-summer and is open to young people in the area up to age 22. A total of \$25,000 was earmarked and passed by Rep. Miceli in the FY18 budget for the continued operation Camp Pohelo and all its activities.

If there are any questions about these budget allocations or any questions or concerns of any nature, feel free to always contact the Office of Rep. Miceli at (617) 722-2305 or at [James.Miceli@MAHouse.gov](mailto:James.Miceli@MAHouse.gov).

## Utegg makes Dean's List at Hartwick College

ONEONTA, NY — A student from Tewksbury recently achieved academic excellence at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. The following student was named to the Dean's List for the fall

2017 semester:

• Rachael E. Utegg, Tewksbury  
Inclusion on the College's Dean's List is an indication

of excellent academic work, including the completion of a full course load with at least a 3.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

## New Vision Spot Screener

TEWKSBURY — On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 at Wamesit Lanes from 12 - 3 p.m. the Tewksbury Lions will be offering an opportunity for both adults and children to get their eyes tested with a new Vision Spot Screener. This camera will give you a print out of your current vision.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET HEARING

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Wilmington High School  
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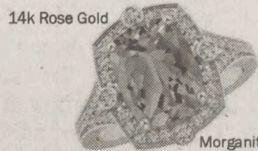


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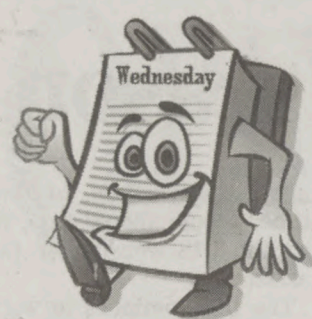
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## Wilmington Calendar:

### Girl Scouts selling cookies at Market Basket

**Annual Comedy Night**  
Friday, February 2, 2018  
Tewksbury-Wilmington  
Elks, 777 South Street in  
Tewksbury

The Wilmington Sons of Italy and Wilmington Band Parents announce their Annual Comedy Night, featuring Headliner Orlando Baxter, Justin McKinney and Chris D. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and show starts at 9:00 p.m. The donation is \$20. Bring your own goodies for the table. Raffles and Silent Auction proceeds are to benefit the scholarship funds of both organizations. For tickets, call Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

**Girl Scout Cookies**  
Saturday, February 3 from  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale at Wilmington Plaza Market Basket on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If you cannot make it and want Girl Scout Cookies please contact Christine Chesbrough at [tc.chesbro@comcast.net](mailto:tc.chesbro@comcast.net) or 978-863-1958.

**Girl Scout Cookies**  
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**Comedy Night**  
Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
Billerica Elks on Webb  
Brook Road

Support the Shawsheen Tech Parent Advisory Council's All-Night Graduation Party. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring food for your table. Tickets are \$20 each, but you can buy a table of 10 by February 1 for only \$175. The check must be received by February 1 to take advantage of this discount. For more information, contact April at [jahearts@aol.com](mailto:jahearts@aol.com) or Taryn at [tulip1147@comcast.net](mailto:tulip1147@comcast.net) or 978-502-7684.

**Alateen**  
The first and third Thursday of each month

St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The

meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit [al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen](http://al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen).

**Safety seat installation**  
Every Wednesday from  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Public Safety Building, 1  
Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

**Knights of Columbus  
Cribbage**

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Wilmington Knights of Columbus

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will once again be

hosting weekly cribbage matches. Games will be held on Monday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring starting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The games are held in the member's lounge located in the lower level of the building and access is through the rear door. Admission is \$5 with most of that being returned to the first and second place finishers each week. This is an adult activity open to the readership of this newspaper as well as brother knights. The games are friendly head to head competitions and all skill levels are welcome. Adult beverages are available and the club has wide screen TVs to keep track of your favorite teams. For more information, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

**Wilmington Sons of Italy  
Junior Lodge**

Fourth of July Building  
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

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**Alateen**

The first and third Thursday of each month  
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero

at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit [al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen](http://al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen).

**Spaghetti dinner**

Lowell Humane Society will be hosting an all you can eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser and sauce contest on Saturday, February 17th from 4pm-6pm at the Lowell Senior Center 276 Broadway St in Lowell. The event is an annual celebration to promote spaying and neutering in the community. In addition to a delicious meal, there will be raffles, a bake sale and silent auction available.

**Get walking**

Tewksbury Memorial High School is open for walking from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the indoor track. Residents can walk the elevated track in a warm, dry environment. Don't let the cold and snow be an excuse-get out and walk!

# Puzzle Corner

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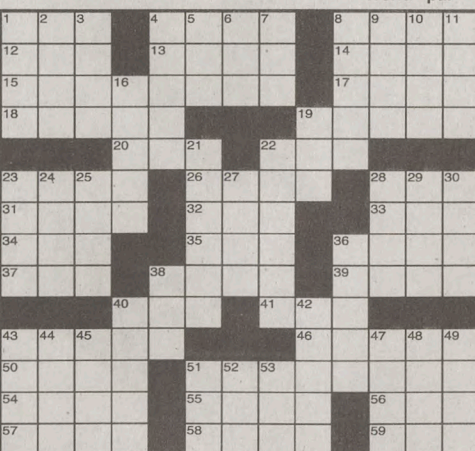
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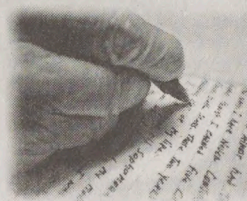
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## Successful fundraiser by Wilmington Boosters

To the editor,  
On Jan. 20, 2018, the Wilmington Boosters held their annual Boosters Dance. The dance featured OUTSTANDING music and performance by the band, Bed By Nine (highlighting Wilmington resident, Chip Abbott).

The dance is held to raise funds for scholarships for graduating athletes. We were able to successfully raise funds with several raffle baskets and four silent auction items. The officers of Wilmington Boosters would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of our hardworking board members and several families and/or companies that contributed to our cause for that night and made it a huge success.



## Letters to the editor

Some of our contributors:

- Bed by Nine
- Bruins Organization
- Bob Bryant - Bryant Glass
- Carl Michael Salon
- Friends of Field Hockey
- Kraft Organization
- Leanne's Studio

- Main Event Tux
- Christina Bentley & Julie Santini - Paws on the Go
- Team Blue Wilmington
- Tewksbury Elks Club
- Wilmington High School Boys Hockey
- Wilmington Sideliners Club (HS Boys Soccer)
- Wilmington Touchdown Club

The following individuals/families:  
Aucoin, Maryellen Hansen, Susan Abbott, Laurie Bailey,

Laurie Robarge, Lisa Bourrell, Linda Wilson, Lisa Mastorilli, Stan Souza, Nancy Days, Caryn Goulet  
Jensine Casey, Gail O'Shea, Kim Luz, Michelle Kincaid, Connie Knibbs  
Most importantly, THANK YOU to all who attended, and generously donated.

Sincerely,  
Dedi, Kim, Chuck & Gail  
(Wilmington Boosters Officers)

## The GIC needs to let it be

To the editor,  
Over the last few weeks I, and many public employees, have been wondering and fighting a radical, unprecedented, and frankly reprehensible move by the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), which oversees the health and dental policy insurance plans for public employees.

For those who may not know after a late-night meeting of the GIC board, with almost no notice of the agenda to many members, the majority of the board of the GIC voted to drop three of the largest, highest rated plans. These plans are nothing short of critical, and covered over 200,000 firefighters, teachers, social workers, and even retirees.

Those enrolled before on these popular plans, either Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts Health Plan, or Fallon Community Health Plan, would be forced to choose from a limited three options, one of which only covers health facilities in Worcester county.

Perhaps most insulting is that no alternatives to this radical move were considered to this "cost-cutting" measure; the board did not even discuss perhaps allowing the member to pay the

average less-than \$5 dollars per month average increase out of pocket themselves.

One constituent spoke to me about how the medicine for his young daughter would run tens of thousands of dollars a year in a truly heartbreaking tale. Needless to say, many including myself, wondered exactly what the you-know-what the board was thinking.

Thankfully, it seems things are moving in the right direction. After protests from myself, many of my colleague, workers, and the public the board has announced that they will reconsider the

decision at their next board meeting. Many unions, including the SEIU, NAGE, and the MTA rose to fight the changes, rallying literally thousands of people to voice their stories of how this change would impact them.

While it is great news that the board may fix their mistake, I believe there is a stark difference between a promise to reconsider and a promise to reinstate. We don't need consideration, we need a commitment to a "yes."

In addition, we in the legislature have begun examining what we may implement to prevent such a radical change from happening so quickly and suddenly again. Representative James O'Day has begun breaking ground on legislation that I have already pledged my support for. In addition, Senator Cindy Friedman has launched her own research to complement the proposed House of Representatives bill to ensure that such a cloak and dagger vote would not happen again.

Discussions with constituents, labor unions, and the companies have proven well so far, with all three parties looking to maintain the current system, which offers competition, coverage, and flexibility. While paring down plans down is claimed to save costs, it exposes the state, public employees, and public at large to price gouging later, as the contracts offered expire anywhere from three to five years later. It is a very

clear case of penny-wise, pound foolish in the grandest scheme.

Our teachers, firefighters, and public employees did not choose their careers to pursue fame and fortune. Instead they give to the public every day, risking their lives, teaching the next generation, or helping the least fortunate. This abrupt and cowardly vote to pull the coverage from 200,000 individuals is a slap in the face to all of them, and I will do everything in the House of Representatives to support those impacted and ensure that coverage is restored, and such a vote does not happen again.

Sincerely,  
Jim Miceli





▲ KATRINA L. SCHELL

(Courtesy photo)

## Schell named first place winner of VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

TEWKSBURY — Katrina L. Schell from Wilmington, a sophomore at Lexington Christian Academy, was recently named the first place winner in the statewide VFW - Massachusetts Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program.

Katrina, the daughter of Kristi and David Schell, was sponsored by VFW Post 8164 of Tewksbury, which also sponsored the winner of the 2016-2017 Massachusetts State contest.

The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy. The program has been pop-

ular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and the VFW is proud to continue offering it to America's young people.

The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three to five minute essay on a patriotic-based theme. This year's theme was "American History: Our Hope for the Future." Katrina's winning entry is titled "History's Hope Today."

As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Katrina will travel to Washington, DC on March 3 to compete at the national level for the first place prize of a \$30,000 college

scholarship.

The National Association of Broadcasters started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950's and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students in grades 9 - 12 the opportunity to express themselves relative to democratic ideas and principles. Around 40,000 students participate in the contest each year, and the VFW awards more than \$2 million in scholarships every year.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars

(VFW) of the U.S. is a non-profit veterans' service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military members from the active military, National Guard, and Reserve forces.

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For more information, or to join a local Post, visit the website at [www.VFW.org](http://www.VFW.org) or call 978-658-8983.

## 10 make Dean's List at Regis University

WESTON — Regis, a Catholic university in Greater Boston, is pleased to announce that 527 students have made the Dean's List for academic achievement for the 2017 fall semester.

The following are among the students who made the Dean's List:

- Erin Davis, of Tewksbury, class of 2020.
- Cassandra Froio, of Tewksbury, class of 2019.
- Shannon Hayes, of Tewksbury, class of 2018.
- Madeleine Thompson, of Tewksbury, class of 2018.
- Nicole Bazarian, of Wilmington, class of 2018.

- Kathleen Brown, of Wilmington, class of 2020.

- Siobhan Collins, of Wilmington, class of 2019.

- Kaitlyn Cowden, of Wilmington, class of 2018.

- Alyssa Faro, of Wilmington, class of 2019.

- Janenne McCoy, of Wilmington, class of 2019.

To be eligible for the Dean's List as a senior, junior or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50. For first-year students, a semester GPA of at least 3.25 must be attained.

"I am very pleased to see so many of our students ex-

celling across the university," said Vice President of Academic Affairs, Malcolm O. Asadoorian III, PhD. "The dean's list and the diversity of academic disciplines speak to a dedicated student body and to a faculty that promotes intellectual curiosity and achievement."

The school deans agreed it was particularly notable to have a strong roster of first-year students who made the list, which reflects both the quality of our curriculum and the caliber of students coming to Regis.

Visit Regis at [regiscollege.edu](http://regiscollege.edu).

## Firearm safety course

NORTH READING — The North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central St., will host a firearm safety course on Wednesday, March 21 and March 28 at 7 p.m. You must attend both dates.

Certified instructors will explain firearm operation, safe handling, storage, transportation and laws.

Each participant will shoot a revolver and a semi-automatic handgun.

A certificate required by Massachusetts law, when applying for a Class A license to carry or fire arms identification card will be issued to everyone completing the course.

A license is required to purchase, possess or carry a firearm. To register or for more information, call Richard Morrisette at 978-657-7291.

## Five make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Tech

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2017 semester:

TEWKSBURY

- Michelle Morsicato

- Richard Fantasia

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- Steven Defuria

- Matt Mangano

- Nick Scalese

For more information, visit [www.wit.edu](http://www.wit.edu).

## MassDEP announces stakeholder meetings for Volkswagen emission fraud

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will seek public input on mitigation actions to improve air quality by reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions using funds available as a result of a national settlement against Volkswagen (VW) from its emissions fraud case. 10 stakeholder meetings seeking public input will be held across the Commonwealth between Jan. 29 and Feb. 27.

"Following the meetings, MassDEP will develop a plan that will identify mitigation actions to be funded by the VW trust," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "We are eager to receive public input on measures to provide environmental benefits that include a reduction of NOx and greenhouse gas emissions, support for the electrification of the transportation system, and the reduction of emissions in Environmental Justice communities."

From 2008 to 2015, VW illegally programmed more than 590,000 diesel vehicles in the United States to violate feder-

al vehicle emission standards for NOx. In addition to addressing the needs of consumers owning or leasing violating vehicles, the ensuing court settlement required VW to establish a \$2.9 billion trust fund to be used to implement eligible mitigation actions to mitigate and offset excess NOx emissions resulting from VW's illegal conduct.

Massachusetts is eligible to receive \$75 million over a 10-year period for the mitigation actions. Information about the VW settlement and MassDEP's early planning work can be found here.

The upcoming stakeholder meetings will inform the public about the types of mitigation actions that may be funded by the trust, and solicit public input about mitigation actions that will maximize the environmental and public health benefits of these investments.

Following input, MassDEP anticipates developing a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit more detailed feedback on possible projects and their costs and benefits. The results of the stakehold-

er meetings and RFI will be used to develop a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which must be submitted to the VW trust fund administrator before funding can be released.

The stakeholder meetings will be held as follows:

Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, 1-3 p.m.

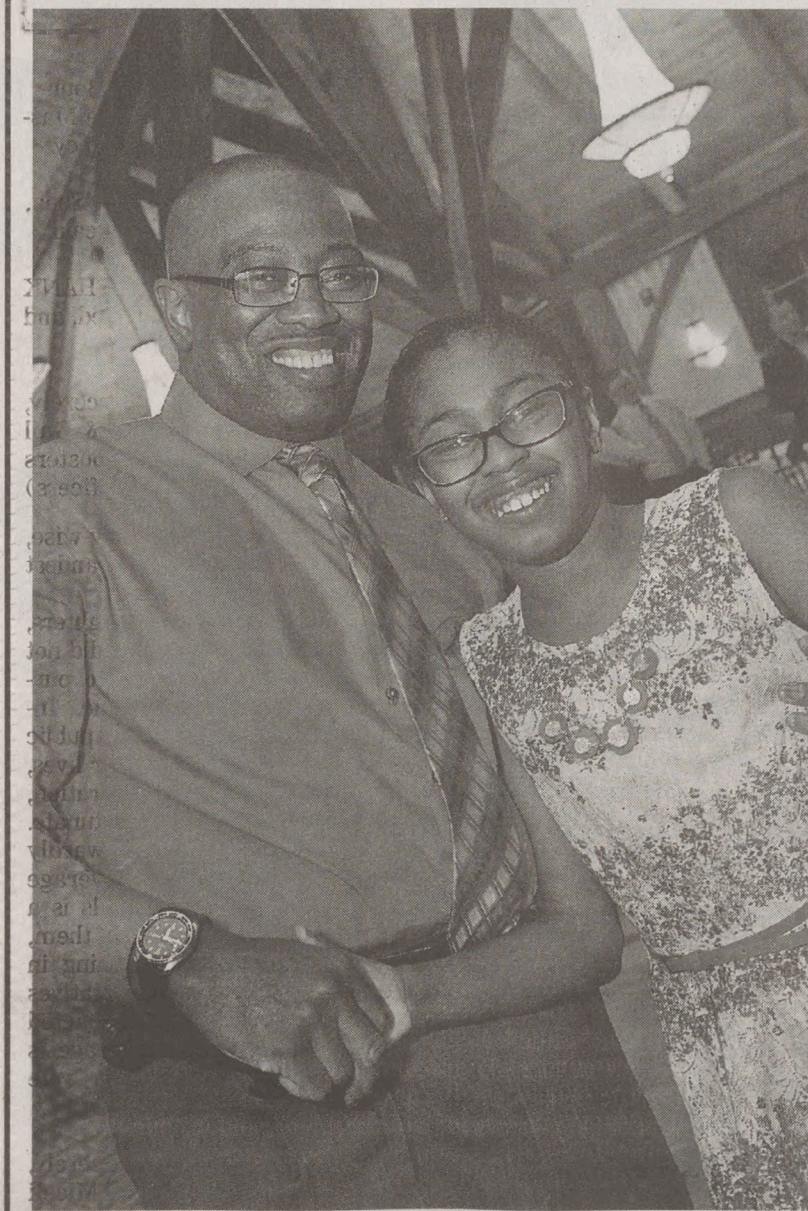
MassDEP Northeast Office, 205B Lowell St., 1st Floor, Conference Rooms A & B, Wilmington

Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, 6-8 p.m.

Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Ground Floor, Community Meeting Room, Lowell

Members of the public with suggestions on how Massachusetts should invest the VW trust funds are encouraged to attend one of these stakeholder meetings or complete the online VW project survey here.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.



## Best dance ever

Alston Allen with his daughter Oasia ... Sunday evening at the Tewksbury Country Club "Father Daughter Dance"

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)



## Chamber Corner

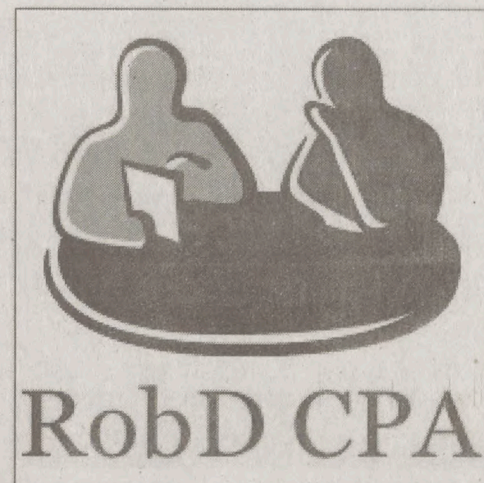
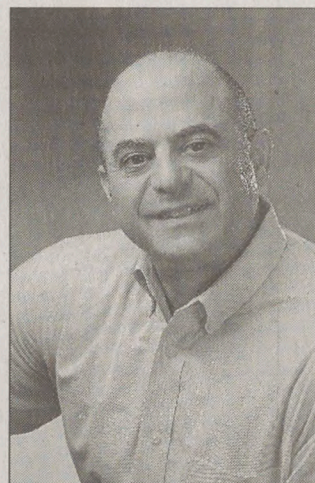
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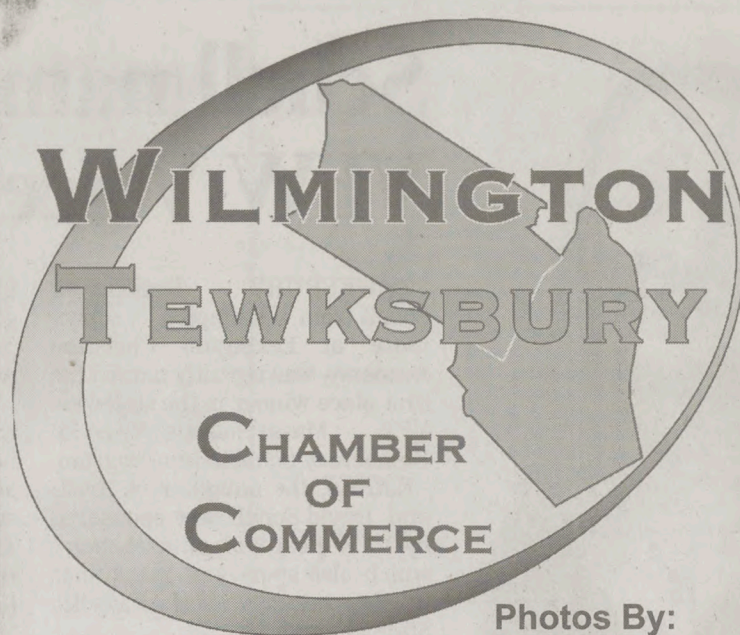
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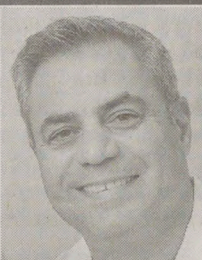
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### Busy week at Wal-Mart as several shoplifters busted

Monday, January 22

1:47 a.m. - A dog was outside barking for a long period of time at Revere Road and Edith Drive. It was unknown where it was coming from. Police sent to check the area, but it was unfounded.

11:37 a.m. - An employee from Market Basket reported a Hispanic male wearing a red hat and possibly a tattoo on one side of his face just stole shrimp from the store. He fled. The vehicle came back out of Lowell, and the Lowell Police Department was notified and would drive by the address. Police were sent by the store and filed a report.

2:17 p.m. - Loss Prevention reported a male shoplifter was caught at Wal-Mart. Robert Gaudet, 33, of 234 Deland Road at Royalston, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250 and receiving stolen property worth more than \$250.

Tuesday, January 23

12:17 a.m. - A 7-Eleven employee reported an intoxicated male getting in a Gray pickup truck. Police sent and gone on arrival.

2:19 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Livingston Street for no lights. Vikki Wommer, 35, of 137 Chelsea St. in Everett, was arrested and charged with operating motor vehicle with license suspended and motor vehicle lights violation.

11:10 a.m. - Police sent to check on a report of a shoplifter in custody at Wal-Mart. Rosemary Parks, 51, of 71 Hosmer St. at Acton, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

3:26 p.m. - Police sent to assist with a shoplifter in custody at Wal-Mart. Dawn O'Brien, 47, of 11 Treble Cove Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a warrant for license suspension, a warrant for license suspended, and shoplifting by asportation.

7:52 p.m. - Female employee at Elements Therapeutic Massage reported issue with a client who was asked to leave and now loitering in the parking lot in silver pickup truck. Police sent and filed a report.

Wednesday, January 24

2:28 a.m. - Front desk at Motel 6 reported a disturbance involving a female trashing the room. Raymond Garland, 26, of 52 W Colony Road in Lynn, was arrested and charged with a warrant for indecent exposure. James Struberg, 33, of 1803 Nancy Road in Rancho Palos Verdes in California, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession class E drugs, possession class B drugs, and creating risk of serious bodily injury or sexual abuse.

4:12 p.m. - A vehicle struck a retaining wall at Pets Plus and drove off. Police sent and filed a report.

7:28 p.m. - Police sent to check on a report of a

shoplifter in custody at Wal-Mart. Rachael Kelly, 21, of 365 East St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealment.

11:46 p.m. - Caller at Wayside Road reported her nephew was acting strange and possibly on drugs. Police sent and the party was gone on arrival.

Thursday, January 25

7:57 a.m. - Caller at Wayside Road reported a unwanted party. Kevin Rochon, 34, of 4 Pocahontas Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and a warrant for assault with dangerous weapon.

2:19 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle was parked in the middle of the street at Heidenrich Drive and Rogers Street. The owner was spoken to and the vehicle was out of gas.

Friday, January 26

3:15 a.m. - A 911 caller reported two suspicious parties outside of her house at Kevin Street. Elisha Sidoti, 35, of 26 Country Lane in Billerica, was arrested and charged with receive stolen motor vehicle, possession class E drugs, possession of class B drugs, and two counts of possession of class C drugs.

12:27 p.m. - Fed Ex dropped off a package at Sullivan Park Way which did not belong to the caller. A few minutes later, a dark skinned Hispanic female described as short and of average build in a gray van came to the door asking for the package. Police sent and filed a report.

11:17 p.m. - Loss Prevention reported they had one in the officer at Wal-Mart. Suzanne White, 33, of 341 Alewife Brook in Somerville, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing.

Saturday, January 27

6:11 a.m. - Police out at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store checked on a vehicle. Jose Bonilla, 38, of 99 Oscar St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for failure to register as a sex offender.

4:31 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Home Depot for suspicious activity. Michael Donohoe, 28, of 55 Lawrence Road in Hudson New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs, possession class E drugs, operating motor vehicle with license suspended, and number plate violation to conceal identification. Scott Lina, 28, of 86 New York St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession class B drugs.

Sunday, January 28

12:13 a.m. - A 911 caller at Andover Street and Longmeadow Road reported a two car motor vehicle accident, unknown injuries. Joshua Stearns, 22, of 44 Remington St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, possession class E drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, speeding, marked lanes violation, and unlawful passing.

1:53 a.m. - Police out at Town Fair Tire Center for driving on the opposite lanes. Ryan Angel, 21, of 12 Ironwood St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, possession open container of alcohol in the motor vehicle.

### Tewksbury man busted for alleged drunk driving

SALEM, NH - A 26-year old Tewksbury resident barely avoided disaster when he almost crashed head-on into a police cruiser on Wednesday morning, Jan. 24.

According to police, the man, identified as Jason Marion, was pulled over by police at 1 a.m. on Rockingham Park Boulevard after Marion almost struck the police cruiser. He was reportedly driving south on the northbound side.

Police charged the man with drunk driving.

"Upon conducting the stop, Officer (Jeffrey) Czarnec approached the operator of the vehicle and was able to make sev-



▲ MARION

(Courtesy photo)

eral observations which indicated the operator may be impaired," police said.

Marion was released on his own recognizance and is scheduled to appear in Salem District Court on Feb. 8.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Counterfeit bills reportedly passed by 'tall' man

Monday, January 22:

2:48 p.m.: A Carson Avenue resident called police to report that a Toyota Camry was entered at some point between 7 that morning and 7 p.m. the previous day. Items within the vehicle were moved and disheveled, but nothing appeared to be missing.

8:20 p.m.: Two parties were caught by police smoking marijuana in their cars while parked at Lucci's and were picked up by their parents.

Tuesday, January 23:

5:07 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Civic and a Toyota Camry occurred at the Z&S gas station on Main Street.

7:58 p.m.: Counterfeit bills were passed by a man described as a tall black man with a black vest and jeans.

11:21 p.m.: Police closed the road between Jonspin Road and Upton Drive after a trailer was jackknifed at the intersection of Andover Street and Route 125.

Wednesday, January 24:

5:29 a.m.: A Hyundai Elantra was struck in a hit and

run on Ballardvale Street. The other vehicle was described as a dark pickup truck with passenger side damage, possibly a Ford or a Chevrolet.

5:57 p.m.: A Fire Department medical vehicle was called in for a party complaining of back pain after a collision on Woburn Street involving a Toyota Tundra and a Toyota Avalon.

Thursday, January 25:

9:41 a.m.: A Toyota Tundra, a Honda Accord, and a Honda Odyssey were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Middle-

sex Avenue and Adams Street. The Tundra and the Accord were towed. No one was injured in the collision.

10:47 a.m.: Police retrieved a needle reported by a resident from Boutwell Street to have it destroyed.

2:06 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Woburn Street involving a Chevrolet Express and a Subaru Outback. No one was injured in the collision.

5:07 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Rogue and a Chevrolet Impala occurred on Ballardvale Street. No one was injured.

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### Tetreault named to Dean's List at Muhlenberg College

ALLENTOWN, PA - Nicole Tetreault of Wilmington was named to Dean's List at Muhlenberg College for the Fall 2017 semester.

Students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg is a highly selective, private, four-year residential, liberal arts college located in Allentown, Pa., approximately 90 miles west of New York City.

With an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 2200 students, Muhlenberg College is dedicated to shaping creative, compassionate, collaborative leaders through rigorous academic programs in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences as well as selected pre-professional programs, including accounting, business, education and public health.

A member of the Centennial Conference, Muhlenberg competes in 22 varsity sports.



# Lifestyle



◀ The interior of US Bank Stadium.  
(Photo courtesy Meet Minneapolis [www.minneapolis.org](http://www.minneapolis.org))

▼ Volunteers get ready as part of the Crew 52 welcoming contingent in Minneapolis.

(Photo courtesy MN Super Bowl Host Committee)

## No Vikings, no problem



### MINNESOTA READY FOR SUPER BOWL LII

By PAIGE IMPINK  
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Minnesota is ready for the crush of fans about to descend on the Twin Cities for Super Bowl LII (that's 52 in Roman numerals). While the Vikings were roundly removed from the running by the Philadelphia Eagles, hearty fans from the "bold north" are still gearing up to roll out the proverbial red carpet for fans from around the globe.

The home of Target, 3M, Best Buy and United Healthcare, among others, is stoked to be hosting the

granddaddy of sporting events in its new U.S. Bank Center, a 66,500 seat protected indoor stadium facility. The building was still under construction in 2014 when the city won the bid to host the 52nd Super Bowl game.

The twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have organized a Super Bowl Host Committee, a group of 10,000 volunteers who have been interviewed and vetted, trained and uniformed to guide visitors around the area, inform them about events, and act as ambassadors with the purpose of having a seamless experience while hoping to entice game goers to return again.

The city has planned for 52 weeks prior to the game to engage all types of residents and make the experience as positive as possible for visitors, whether riding the light rail service, navigating the downtown, or getting to their flights the day after the game. Kindness is the keyword for the volunteers, and if my experience with folks from the area holds true, it won't be a problem.

It's likely some visitors will get out to the "biggest in the country" Mall of America (where the Eagles are purportedly staying) to get some fried cheese curds and brats, or try snow tub-

ing down a giant chute on Nicollet Mall (since the zip-line set over the Mississippi River sold out in two days!).

Stadium food is slated to include Kettle-chip crusted clam rolls for New England fans and South Philly Pork Belly sandwiches to celebrate the Eagles. Or, visitors might enjoy some wall-eye (the state fish) or lefse (lef-seh) — a Norwegian flatbread. Minneapolis/St. Paul are among the most sophisticated of the Midwest cities, hip and stylish and happening, while culturally diverse.

The heavily Scandinavian ancestry in the city has given way to a large influx of

Somali, Hmong and Karen peoples — those who have fled from Myanmar.

The stadium is located right in downtown Minneapolis, a small but sophisticated city, connected by tunnels and covered walkways akin to your childhood hamster's Habitrail. Yes, you see, it can get extremely cold in Minneapolis and the tunnels are climate controlled. Covering 11 miles and connecting 80 buildings, the skyway system will be something that visitors can use to get around. Venues are set with Super Bowl "experiences" and though the "1 million" visitor number is debated (the Minnea-

polis Star Tribune estimates closer to 125,000), the land of 10,000 lakes is ready to go.

A 10-day super festival leads up to the big game, showcasing a Prince tribute concert, a tower of food trucks, and fun events for celebrities and regular Joes alike. Fun fact: over 1,500 private jets are expected to fly into the city for the big game. I wonder if former Minnesota Governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura will be there?

Even if you are not heading out to Minneapolis for the game, put it on your list of places to visit some day and experience the Minnesota "nice."

Go Pats!

### HAPPENINGS IN EDUCATION

#### Aguilar aims for the stars

By MATT FRONDUTO

Intelligent, driven, personable, and genuine, TMHS senior Susana Aguilar possesses all of the key qualities that any high school student can hope to achieve.

Involvement in extracurricular activities is also rather important to Susana, exemplified not only in her commitment to the field hockey team, but also her prominent positions in the DECA club, National Honors Society, and Student Council.

Her dedication and determination being a key component to her success, it comes as no surprise that she applies these traits to other areas of her life as well, namely her academic prowess. A mathematics enthusiast, Aguilar has not taken her foot off the gas for her senior year, but rather she has further pursued one of her passions, enrolling in the extremely difficult AP Calculus course, further proving that Susana is dedicated to rising above the expectations set for the average high school senior.

Given her rare and impressive combination of determination and academic skill, Aguilar will certainly have a variety of options open with regards to a future career. While she is still keeping her options open, Susana has



taken a particular interest in education and health science, both of which will give her the potential to benefit the world a great deal, especially considering her impressive resume.

Education seems like a perfect fit for Aguilar, not only because of the way in which teaching benefits a community, but her recent work at the Ryan School's Extended Day program has truly opened Susana's eyes to just how much she enjoys working with children.

Susana is the type of student who makes an impression on everyone she meets, including the teachers and staff who have taught her for the past four years, and it is safe to say the feeling is mutual.

"I got comfortable around them," says Aguilar of the Tewksbury High staff. "I got

to be myself around them. I'll miss that."

However upsetting leaving TMHS may be, the opportunity to encounter new challenges and experiences in college is greatly anticipated by Susana, and she is looking into a variety of places at which she could find such opportunities. Primarily, Boston University, UMASS Amherst, Stonehill, and Providence capture Susana's attention, and for good reason. All of the aforementioned schools provide wonderful programs that allow bright enrollees such as Susana to truly find their passion and pursue it to the fullest extent possible.

Contrary to how it may seem, Susana is not always working to prepare for her future or study for her next math quiz, as she enjoys spending some of her downtime reading or watching TV, preferably ABC's Grey's Anatomy and The Goldberg's.

Regardless of the uncertainty that seems almost tangible during one's senior year, there is one certainty that remains. If you are someone as bright, motivated, and hardworking as Susana, success will find you in some way, so of course, the future of Susana Aguilar seems ever so bright.

#### Mazzapica: a star in the making

By TROY ACCONCIA

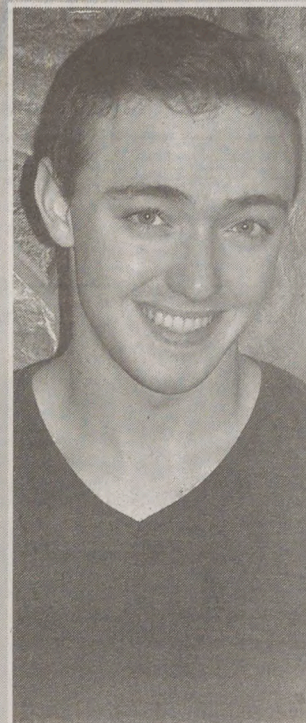
Have you ever wanted to know of an up and coming talent, destined to leave a huge footprint in the world someday? Well, look no further. Introducing TMHS senior Scott Mazzapica. If you haven't already heard of him, then you need to be enlightened.

Scott has lived in Tewksbury for his entire life with his parents, his younger sister, and, before he moved out, his older brother. When Mazzapica was younger, you could say that he loved sports. He played sports such as football, basketball, and baseball starting at a young age of seven-years old. Though as time would tell, Scott would learn to have a new calling.

Mazzapica has been lucky enough to have a fantastic high school experience. Except... luck had nothing to do with it. Scott's mere devotion and aura has made him easy to befriend and hard to give bad grades to.

When asked what his favorite part of high school has been, Scott replied, "It would definitely have to be meeting the people in my life that I'm confident will prove to be lifelong friends."

This just proves further, the down-to-earth and friendly character that Mazzapica truly is.



In the classroom, Scott is nothing short of stupendous. He has managed to retain honor roll status with a 4.3 GPA, while taking several difficult AP classes!

When it comes to extracurriculars, Scott has done just about everything. He has been apart of football, basketball, baseball, Best Buddies, Chorus, Media club, and Peer Leadership. But, wait! There's more! Mazzapica has also been Vice President of the 2018 class, a participant in the Gender-Sexuality Alliance, a member of National Honor Society, and President

of the Drama Club!

Now, that last one is where the magic happens. Scott clearly has a flare for show business and acting is one of his greatest passions.

When asked why he enjoyed acting so much, Scott answered, "I enjoy acting so much because it's expressing human emotions in its purest form. I love thinking people can learn a little bit about themselves from the characters I portray. Also, more simply, I love to entertain. If I can help someone get away from the stresses of their life for even just a few hours, then I'm satisfied with my work."

Scott obviously says that he would like to be in the performing arts as a living. Whether that be acting, producing, or even teaching, Mazzapica just wants to entertain. Any of his favorite colleges would be lucky to have him attend in the fall. Those schools include performing arts powerhouses such as Pace University, Emerson College, and Boston University.

It is clear that Scott is destined to be remembered. He is an actor, an athlete, and a star pupil. You can't get much better than that. Start getting used to the name, Scott Mazzapica, because you'll surely start hearing it in

#### STUDENT PROFILES





## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Rivals unto death — Hamilton and Burr on Feb. 8

#### Upcoming Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmingtonlibrary.org](http://www.wilmingtonlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding many of the following programs.

#### Lighthouses Near

and Far \*RR  
Monday, February 5, 2:30 pm  
Join John Galluzzo as he tells unique stories about lighthouses from ghosts to storms, to shipwrecks, and famous visitors. The tour begins in Boston Harbor, continues to points north, south, and west, and returns to the Massachusetts coast. John Galluzzo is the author of many books on the local history of towns south of Boston and is a regular contributor to South Shore Living, Ships Monthly, and other magazines.

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**Cookin' the Books \*RR**  
Tuesday, February 6, 12 pm  
Featured Cookbook: Small Victories by Julia Turshen

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online). Bring your dish to

the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Please register; facilitator Lisa Crispin will then send an email asking for everyone's recipe selections.

**Intro to the Cloud \*RR**  
Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm  
Learn about that mysterious Cloud. Technology Librarian Brad McKenna will discuss such cloud-based technologies as email, file storage, music/movie streaming, and more.

**Rivals Unto Death: Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr \*RR**

Thursday, February 8, 7 pm  
It is the most famous duel in American history, but what prompted the sitting Vice President of the United States and the former Treasury Secretary to settle their differences with guns blazing? Rick Beyer, author of Rivals Unto Death, explores their intricate thirty-year

rivalry that led to their deadly encounter, following them through battlefields, courtrooms, bedrooms (!) and arguably the wildest presidential election in history — all the way to their day of destiny in Weehawken New Jersey. Rick Beyer is a New York Times bestselling author and an award winning documentary filmmaker.

**Everyone Communicates, Few Connect \*RR**

Monday, February 12, 10 am  
If you want to succeed, you must learn how to connect with people, and while it may seem like some people are just born with it, the fact is anyone can learn how to make every communication an opportunity for a powerful connection. Certified professional speaker, trainer, and coach Srdjan Perisic from The John Maxwell Team, will tell you how.

**How to Buy and Sell a Home \*RR**

Tuesday, February 13, 2017, 7 pm  
Get ready for the spring buying season! Realtors Linda Thomson and Mona Botoni-DeRosby from Keller-Williams Realty in Reading, MA will walk you through all stages of the buying and selling process. They will also touch on the current market conditions and provide tips on how to prepare a home to sell and how to determine what a house is worth (for both buyers and sellers). Mortgage lender Andrew Marquis from Guaranteed Rate will talk about financing options; and real estate attorney Sean O'Brien will discuss the closing process and associated costs.

**The Science of Chocolate \*RR**

Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm  
Learn which chemicals elicit biochemical reactions in the human brain, making chocolate the perfect indulgence. During the presentation, you will also learn how to taste chocolate for quality and how to eat it, too. Presented by Michael Cross, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Northern Essex Community College.

**Kids & Teen Events**

**Interpreting the Financial Aid Reward Letter For High School Seniors & Parents**  
Saturday, February 3, 9:30-11:30 am

Unravel the mystery surrounding financial aid award letters, understand what you're actually receiving in aid, and how much college will truly cost with this workshop. Possible avenues for appeal, uncovering more potential aid, scholarships, and your questions regarding payment are covered.

**Wilmington Community Playgroup**

Mondays, February 5, 9:30 am  
Drop in for a fun playgroup led by the CTI Family Resource Network. Ages 2-5

**Trivia Tuesday \*RR**

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm  
Show us your smarts at pub-style trivia! Play against your parents and friends, putting your pop culture knowledge to the test. The winning team walks off with prizes (and bragging rights!). Snacks provided.

**Kindergarten Book Club \*RR**

Wednesdays, February 7, 3:45 pm  
This book club is for Kindergarteners who miss storytime or those who love being read to. We will read and discuss a few books together, then do a fun activity. Kindergarten

**Bingo for Books \*RR**

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm  
Let's play Bingo! Winners will receive a free book. Grades K-5

**Drop-In Baby Times**

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 am  
Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

**Dads and Donuts**

Saturday, February 10, 10:30 am  
Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

**Baby Laptime \*RR**

Monday, February 12, 9:30 am  
Join us for a morning of songs, tickles, bounces, and rhymes perfect for little pre-walking babies and their caregivers. Infants-15 months

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## Seven make Dean's List at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD —Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2017 Fall Semester.

• Springfield College has named Kourtney Bolis of Wilmington to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Bolis is studying Communication Sciences and Disorders.

• Springfield College has named Darin MacEacheron of Wilmington to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. MacEacheron is studying Communication/Sport Journalism.

• Springfield College has named Joseph Visalli of Wilmington to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Visalli is studying Criminal Justice.

• Springfield College has named Lindsay Donahue of Wilmington to the dean's list

for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Donahue is studying Sports Biology.

• Springfield College has named Daniel Priest of Tewksbury to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Priest is studying Communication/Sport Journalism.

• Springfield College has named Thomas Casey of Tewksbury to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Casey is studying Sports Biology.

• Springfield College has named Andrew Nguyen of Tewksbury to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2017 term. Nguyen is studying Sports Biology.

Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

## Cornish and Thomas make Dean's List at Becker College

WORCESTER — Jocelyn Cornish of Wilmington and Zachary Thomas of Tewksbury have been named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Becker College.

More than 350 Becker College students were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list, which recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum

each semester — September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. The following local students made Becker College Dean's List for Fall 2017:

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## Escapology opens in Tewksbury

Residents and local business owners took time out of their busy Saturday schedules last weekend to attend the grand opening celebration of the new Escapology at 345 Main St. in Tewksbury and to personally congratulate owner Donny MacLaren and manager Christina Tamboli. Directors from the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, Representative Jim Miceli, and Tewksbury Board of Selectmen Chair, Mark Kratman were also on hand to perform the official ribbon cutting. Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, praised MacLaren for bringing quality entertainment to the community with both their Wamesit Lanes and now Escapology venues. Visit [www.escapology.com](http://www.escapology.com) for details or to book your escape game experience.

(Photo courtesy of Bruce Hilliard Photography)

## Five make Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.1 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 692 students representing 21 states and three countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

### TEWKSBURY

- Victoria Mirabito, Undeclared, 2021
- William Small, History, 2021

### WILMINGTON

- Shannon Donnell, Natural Sciences, 2018
- Caitlin Ferreira, Nursing, 2020
- Rose Roche, Nursing, 2021

## Three make Dean's List at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, VT - The following students from your readership area have been

recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the fall 2018 semester:

- Christian Robert Kyle, Tewksbury
- Daniel Gerardo

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## Wilmington American Legion Post 136 happenings

### Legion:

Super Bowl LII will be on down at the post on Feb. 4, 2018. Come on down and watch the Pats take on the Eagles on our new TV.

We started coming up with some plans for our yearly St. Patrick's Day party down at the post. For food it will be a potluck just like last year. There will be a signup sheet for people to list what they are bringing so we can avoid everyone bringing the same thing.

For paid up members are doing well but there are a few more members who haven't been paid up yet for this year. You can see a bartender or any Post Officer if you still need to renew your membership.

The next Legion meeting will be Feb. 24, 2018 at 12 p.m. See you all around the post.

### A.L.A.:

Membership cards are in. See Julie if you still need yours.

### S.A.L.:

Membership cards for the Sons are also in. See Derek if you haven't received yours yet.

### Legion Riders:

Chapter 136 Legion Riders made their first clothing donation trip to the Liberty House in Manchester, NH which is a shelter for homeless vets that are preparing to re-enter society. The Riders were able to drop off

several boxes of winter clothing and several bags of toiletries that were donated by the members of Post 136. They also support the 200+ homeless vets that live in and around Manchester.

The riders will be having an open house on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. down at the post for any current Post 136 member who would be interested in becoming a Chapter 136 Legion Rider. If you currently own a motorcycle and it is registered and in good standing with the state we encourage you to come down and meet the Legion Rider Officers and get involved with other members who enjoy riding.

### Scouts:

The troop is active and well, and also looking for a few more boys age 10 and up for camping and many exciting adventures. Boys do not have to be prior Cub Scouts to be eligible! Contact Frank West at 978-658-1754 or Troop136Wilm@aol.com for more info.

Post 136 has sponsored Cub Scout Pack 136 since 1970. We are currently seeking new parent leaders and boys to continue this proud tradition. The post will supply a meeting place and training. We need are looking for adults and 6-9 year old boys looking for fun and new adventures. Contact Post 136 Commander, Bill Rowe at 978-447-1533 for more information.



# OBITUARIES

## James F. Banda

Served in WWII with US Army

Attorney James F. Banda, age 96, of Wilmington, died on Jan. 26.

Banda was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Gladys H. (Conrad), and their young daughter, Marianne F., who died of childhood leukemia.

He is survived by five children: Michael J. and his wife, Diane, of San Francisco, CA; James F. Jr., and his wife, Patricia, of Marshfield; Mark L. of Port Hueneme, CA; Deborah E. of Andover; and Eric J. of Wilmington.

Banda is also survived by four grandchildren: Eric Jr., Corey, Sasha and Beatrice; and four great-grandchildren: Eric, Jake, Cameron and Shae.

Banda was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for combat service in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army Second Armored Division. He met his late wife, then 1st Lt. Gladys Conrad of the U.S. Army

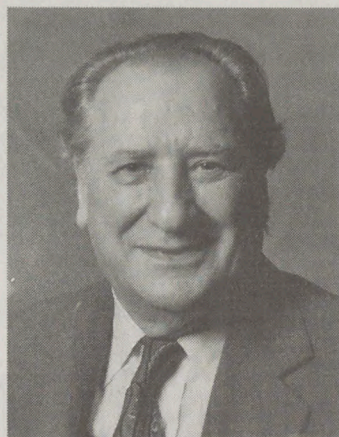
Nurse Corps, while recuperating from significant wounds suffered in battle in Germany in 1944.

Banda received his J.D. from Suffolk Law School and was a member of the Massachusetts Bar. A resident of Wilmington for 59 years, where he maintained his law practice, Banda was the former Veterans Agent for the Town of Wilmington.

He also served on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen, the Wilmington Planning Board, was a long time trustee of the Wilmington Memorial Library, and co-founder of Wilmington Family Counseling Service.

Banda was the son of the late John and Delfina Banda, of Somerville, both natives of the Azores. He was also predeceased by all of his siblings: Frank; Joe, who was killed in action in World War II; John; and his twin brother, Albert.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on



Thursday, Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Donations in James' memory may be made to the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Josephine 'Jo' Graney

Career in HR with Choate, Winchester Hospital

Sadly, Heaven welcomed a beautiful special angel Sunday, Jan. 28. Josephine Marie (Ciampo) Graney died peacefully in the loving care of her family at her home in Billerica after a courageous three year battle with cancer at the age of 79.

She was born and raised in Woburn, MA, and graduated with honors from the class of 1956. She married her high school sweetheart in 1958, and then moved to Tewksbury for 33 years where she raised her family on Vale Street.

She enjoyed her career as part of the human resources family at Choate hospital, RHCW, and Winchester Hospital since the age of 17 and continued to work per diem after her retirement at age 75. She was once a member of the "Red Hat Society" and volunteered at the Tewksbury Senior Center as well as the Burlington Playhouse.

She enjoyed her weekends and vacations at her house on Lake Winnepesaukee, always known as "the cottage," for the past 50+ years.

She joins her late father and mother, Mama Jo, Grandma Jo, G Jo, Grammy, Jo, ... Jo Jo, and Auntie. She will be sadly missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure to meet and know her and fondly remembered for the amazing person she

and four children: Debra Graney and her companion Tim Fram of Billerica whom she lived with, Karen Foskitt of Merrimack NH, Donna Tziolis and her companion Bob Vieira of Tyngsboro, and Francis "Frankie" Graney Jr. from Salem, OR.

She is also survived by four grandchildren: Brittany Foskitt, Katherine Graney, Anastasios Tziolis, and Joseph Graney, and one great grandson, Jacob Mayou.

She is also survived by four sisters: Gerry McGowan of Woburn, Janet Garden of Burlington, Anna McSweeney of Malden, June McCarthy of Alpine, WY; two brothers — Anthony Ciampo of Burlington, and William "Billy" Ciampo of Naples, FL; one sister-in-law, Donna Ciampo; three brothers-in-law: Donald McGowan, John McSweeney, Chuck McCarthy; her very best friend Jan Macpherson of Tewksbury; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and her 99-year-old Aunt Josephine Angriano.

She was lovingly known as, Mom, Mama Jo, Grandma Jo, G Jo, Grammy, Jo, ... Jo Jo, and Auntie.

She will be sadly missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure to meet and know her and fondly remembered for the amazing person she



was. Visiting hours Thursday, Feb. 1, from 4 until 7 p.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey and 975 Main Sts. (Rt. 38) TEWKSBURY CENTER, Ph. (800 in MA or 978) 351 2950. Her funeral will begin Friday at 11 a.m. from the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass, Friday, Feb. 2, at 12 p.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rt. 38) Tewksbury.

Burial will follow at Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in her memory to the Heidbreder Patient Comfort Fund of the Winchester Hospital Cancer Center at Winchester Hospital Foundation, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890 or visit [www.winchesterhospital.org](http://www.winchesterhospital.org) see: [tewburyfuneralhome.com](http://tewburyfuneralhome.com)

## Kenneth W. Benner

United States Marine Corp veteran

Kenneth W. Benner, age 77, a longtime Wilmington resident passed away peacefully, Jan. 22, 2018 at the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington following a lengthy illness.

He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia J. (Clary) Benner. Born and raised in Cambridge he was the son of the late Chapman and Violet (Pearson) Benner.

"Sonny" or "Kenny" as he was affectionately known to his family and friends was a proud United States Marine Corp Veteran of the Vietnam War. He honorably served from 1958 to 1962 attaining the rank of Lance Corporal.

Following his service he began his career and worked for many years as a boiler engineer and facilities manager for the Haartz Mason Company of Watertown prior to his retirement.

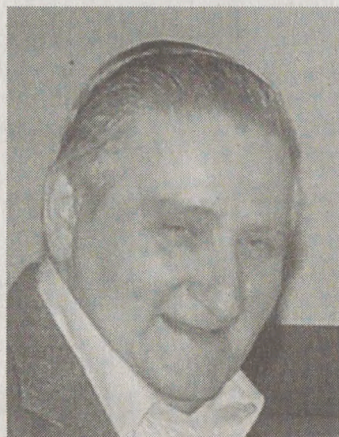
In his leisure time he enjoyed

model making especially models of battleships. He loved good food, however, his greatest joy was his family and his time spent with those he loved.

In addition to his late wife and parents, Kenny is sadly predeceased by his daughter Doreen A. Benner, and sisters, Ann C. Malfa and Mildred B. "Millie" Buckley.

He is survived by his daughter Darlene M. Amato and her husband Stephen of Woburn. His loving grandchildren, Nicholas Amato of San Diego, CA, Ryan Amato of Woburn, Stephen and Robert Smith, both of NH. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted in the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 374 Main St., WILMINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours at the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home were



held on Friday from 5 - 8 p.m. Services concluded with military honors and burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Kenny's memory to the American Lung Assoc. of Middlesex County, 5 Mountain Rd, P.O. Box 265, Burlington, MA 01803-0465. To leave an online message of condolence please visit [www.dellorusso.net](http://www.dellorusso.net)

## Robert J. Nicholas, Jr.

Enjoyed collecting Elvis memorabilia

Robert J. Nicholas, Jr., fondly known as "Bob" or "Nick" to his family and friends, age 60, of Tewksbury, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, died unexpectedly at home on Jan. 27, 2018.

Bob was born in Brighton, MA on Aug. 31, 1957; he was the dear son of Robert and Lucille Nicholas. Bob's family moved to Wilmington when he was a young boy; he attended Wilmington Schools and was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1975.

Following high school, Bob continued his education by attending HVAC and Oil Burner School, while working with his dad in the family business, RJN Heating Service. When Bob Sr. retired; Bob Jr. stepped in and took over the family business where he worked hard

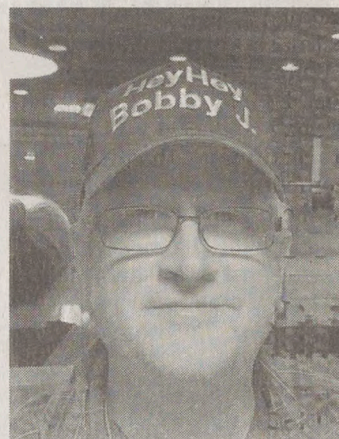
and continued to serve customers with utmost care.

Along with his yearly vacation to Mohawk Trail State Forest, Bob enjoyed golfing with his friends, watching his favorite television shows, collecting his Elvis memorabilia and hanging out with his family.

Bob will be remembered as a great guy who worked hard and enjoyed life. He will forever be missed by his family and friends.

Bob was the devoted father of Robert J. Nicholas III of Tewksbury, beloved son of Robert J. Sr. and Lucille F. (Cudworth) Nicholas of Wilmington, dear brother of Lusann Wishart of Londonderry, NH, Patricia Toner & husband Jim of Billerica, Pamela Harris and Richard Nicholas both of Wilmington.

Loving uncle of Jason, Billy, Alyssa, Jaclyn, Car-



milla and Rachel. Bob is also survived by his former wife and good friend Trish Nicholas of Tewksbury as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

At Bob's request Funeral Services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Elizabeth (Smith) Bourassa

Loved to play golf and bingo with friends

Elizabeth (Smith) Bourassa, fondly known as "Betty" or "Bett" to her family and friends, age 79, of Wilmington, died peacefully on Jan. 27, 2018, at Care One in Wilmington.

Betty was born on Sept. 23, 1938, in Wakefield, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late Esau and Lily May Smith. Betty was raised and educated in North Reading and was a member of the Church of the Good Shepard in Reading.

Betty married her "sweetheart" Donat Bourassa in 1955; the couple settled in Wilmington where they raised four wonderful children and had many great times throughout the years. Betty was very devoted to her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

She was very active in her younger years with her children's school and sporting activities and later in life she attended all of her grandchildren's activities as well. Betty and Donat enjoyed camping with their family and friends for many years; everyone always had

a great time together.

Prior to retiring, Betty worked as a collections manager for the Internal Revenue Service for over 29 years. Betty had a great work ethic and excellent customer service skills which made her quite an asset to the IRS. Betty also got along great with her co-workers and made many life-long friends who she enjoyed socializing with.

In her spare time, Betty loved to play golf, go to Bingo with her friends, and have her brothers and sister over for a cup of tea and cookies. Betty was kind and caring; she loved her family and friends with all her heart and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Betty was the beloved wife of Donat J. Bourassa, Jr., devoted mother of Stephen Bourassa and Cheryl Mills & her husband Steven all of Wilmington, Alan Bourassa & his wife Alease of Las Vegas, NV and Marianne Richard of Tewksbury.

Loving "Nana" of Kerrianne & Michael Bourassa, Kaylan, Brittany & Alan Joseph "AJ" Bourassa, Rachel & Jennifer Mills, Matthew &



Mitchell Richard and great-grandson Jacob.

Cherished daughter of the late Esau and Lily May Smith, dear sister of Ruby Seville and Edward Smith both of Wilmington, the late George and Nathan Smith.

Betty is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 5 - 8 p.m. Graveside services were held at the Wildwood Cemetery, 233 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## David M. Trane

Served in Vietnam in US Marine Corp

David M. Trane, a longtime resident of Wilmington formerly of Somerville passed away peacefully, Jan. 29, 2018, at the Lahey Hospital and Medical in Burlington, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of Maryellen T. (Barry) Trane, together sharing 43 years of marriage. Born in Somerville, he was the son of the late George T. and Margaret (Ostridge) Trane.

David was raised in Somerville and was a graduate of North Cambridge Catholic High School. He was a proud and decorated Veteran of the Vietnam War and honorably served in the United States Marine Corp from 1967 to 1971. He was awarded the Air Medal twice, the Navy Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Combat Air Crewman Insignia.

When David returned home from the service he worked for a number of years with General Motors as a Line Supervisor. In 1985

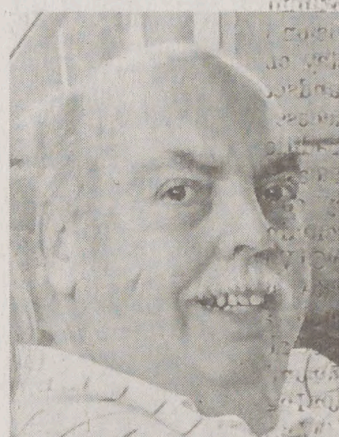
he opened his own business here in Wilmington, The Industrial Tool Co., which he operated until his retirement in 2012.

David was a very talented man. He loved to tinker with things. He was a hobbyist and enjoyed collecting memorabilia and antique cars. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following all the local teams.

However, one of his greatest joys was being the "Favorite Uncle" to his many loving nieces and nephews. David was member of the Wilmington VFW and the Wakefield Lodge of Elks where he made many friendships throughout the years.

In addition to his beloved wife Maryellen, David is survived by his sister, Ann Hoag and her husband Daniel of Somerville. He was the cherished brother-in-law of Michael Barry and his wife Nancy of Acushnet, Marian Barry-Ravagni and her husband Hugh of Saugus, Kevin Barry and his wife Gloria of Wilmington, John Barry of Medford, the late James Barry-Sutherland and her surviving husband Thomas of Medford, the late James S. Barry and Richard J. Barry.

He is also survived by



many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted in the McLaughlin - Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 60 Pleasant St., WOBURN, Saturday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held on Friday from 4 - 8 p.m. Interment services will be private.

Late United States Marine Corp Veteran of the Vietnam War. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in David's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KA 66675. To leave an online message of condolence please visit [www.dellorusso.net](http://www.dellorusso.net)

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## Analog devices sponsors tree planting

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington residents can soon expect to see more trees in town, thanks to a generous \$5,000 gift from Analog Devices.

According to Operations Manager and Tree Warden Jamie Magaldi of the Wilmington DPW, when Town Manager Jeffrey Hull learned recently that the town would be receiving this gift, he turned to the DPW to investigate potential environmental projects.

"In this green age, it's easy to get wrapped up in all types of current technology," said Magaldi. "Sometimes we forget to get back to basics."

Magaldi suggested that a tree planting would provide a vast array of benefits for the town. Studied benefits of increasing tree numbers include in air quality improvement, overall energy conservation, heat island reduction, storm water improvement, and property value increases. He also mentioned the potential psychological benefits of increasing the number of trees in town.

The trees planted will be two inches in diameter and planted in parks and school grounds, as well as in the areas of the Wildwood Cemetery which have recently experienced tree losses.

"In my personal view, this seems like a completely appropriate type of project to use this contribution from Analog Devices," said Chairman Mike Champoux.

"Thank you Analog Devices for stepping up to the plate and being a great community citizen," added Selectman Ed Loud.

Champoux presented Analog Devices Site Services Manager Cheryl Sessa with a certificate, thanking the company for its contribution to the town.

In addition to discussions of tree planting, Magaldi also presented an update on the DPW's ongoing vegetation management program.

The vegetation management program, or VMP, allows the DPW access to rights of way in order to treat for weeds. This access to rights of way requires a Category 40 license, which the DPW does possess. The VMP itself consisted of a five-year plan, which necessitated a year of preparation for approval.

The original passage of the VMP required a public hearing, which took place on Oct. 31 2013. The VMP also requires an annual Yearly Operation Plan, which, though it does not require a public hearing, is open to public comment. Public comments for the 2018 Plan are due on March 2, 2018.

The program is implemented entirely in house by the DPW. This implementation includes everything from required presentations to local and state committees to mechanical work and spraying of herbicides.

"We are literally saving thousands and thousands in consulting fees by having this done in house," said Magaldi.

Some examples of the implementation of the plan presented at the meeting included before and after pictures of the sidewalk on Marion Street, which was cleared of poison ivy and other vegetation, and the intersection of Concord and Woburn Streets, at which excess vegetation was cut back in order to give motorists a clearer line of sight.

The plan required long hours and hard work on the part of the DPW.

"This is a labor of love," said Magaldi. "We do it for the residents and we do it to make sure Wilmington is a better place to live."



## "Eyes on Owls" program at Pack 361 Crossover

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are treated to a display of live indigenous owls by Marcia and Mark Wilson of "Eyes on Owls" a Live Owl Program at the Arrow of Light program, Cub Scout Pack 361 Crossover Ceremony. For more info: [eyesonowls@earthlink.net](mailto:eyesonowls@earthlink.net). (photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)

## Appeals Board to discuss Detox Center

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mean that the board will be voting on anything that night. Instead, it states that there are other steps necessary before the board can make any kind of decision.

The first necessary piece is the Site Plan Review, as detailed in the pages that follow. The document also covers what other steps must be taken so that each department can make informed recommendations for the Planning Board.

La Rivee also shared

that she doesn't yet know if residents will be able to speak during this hearing, but any more information that she receives she'll be adding to <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/sites/wilmingtonma/files/uploads/detoxqa.pdf>.

Besides the detox facility special permit hearing, the board will hear about special permits for construction at 19 Dorothy Ave. and 827 Main St., both to add second floors to existing nonconforming structures. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall on that Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## School Committee to unveil Supt. slate

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bers created their own questions and deliberated upon them as a group, with assistance from a guide provided by NES-DEC.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Sean Gallagher noted that the candidate profile, developed through stakeholder surveys and local focus groups, was relied upon heavily in the creation of these questions.

"What the community really wanted, that's where those questions were gen-

erated," said Gallagher.

"It was one of the best things I've done since being on the School Committee," said School Committee member Peggy Kane. "The people, you can't even imagine it... re-inspired you for education."

Residents can expect further information on the Selection Committee, as well as the slate of candidates, by print time or soon thereafter. The School Committee expects the new Superintendent of Schools to be in office sometime this summer, depending on contract negotiations.

## Library a place to talk

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topics in 2017, like civil disobedience and fake news. Programs are selected in part by the library staff, who keep their finger on the pulse of local and national news, and in part from community members based upon their own interests. The availability of limited meeting space in the library, and a guest speaker or facilitator are also important considerations.

Similar to the evolution in the usage of libraries, the role of public access television as a venue for civic conversations has also changed. Wilmington Community Television (WCTV) is striving to stay on top of the changing landscape in how public access is utilized. While the traditional focus of public access—programs produced by community members—remains the cornerstone, WCTV has started to incorporate station programming, such as November 2017's "Social Media in Wilmington Forum" hosted at Wilmington High School.

"We're not just tech experts, we have to be community experts. We have to know what's going on," said Executive Director Shaun Neville.

The variety of programming is driven by community members. Membership is open to all, and includes all the tools needed to host a program—use of cameras, studio equipment and educational resources for production and editing. Short of copyright infringement, obscenity or libel, community members have an open forum for discussion.

"We're not in the business of being here to edit or censor," said Neville.

When community members reach out to the station for help with programming on a civic issue, Neville said the

station strives to be fair by also reaching out to include those who may hold the opposite view.

At a national level, initiatives like Living Room Conversations or The Village Square are offering tools and ideas for community members to foster constructive discussion in their homes or public venues. Living Room Conversations, an open source nonprofit founded in 2010, equips people with conversation guides and planning materials for hosting an in-person or digital event with the goal of creating meaningful conversation on issues where people often disagree strongly, like immigration, gun policy, or free speech.

Building a greater understanding of the other side's viewpoint, and hopefully, opening space for brainstorming solutions, are the goals.

The Village Square, based in Tallahassee, Florida, but with a growing number of chapters in other cities, is a non-partisan organization serving the belief that differences of opinion are part of solving problems and the foundation of democracy. Or, as the organization's tagline describes the participants, "A nifty bunch of liberals and conservatives who believe that dialogue and disagreement make for a good conversation, a good country and a good time."

The public square for civic discourse is alive and thriving, it just doesn't quite look the same as it did in decades past.

Learn more about the initiatives cited:

- Wilmington Memorial Library ([wilmlibrary.org](http://wilmlibrary.org))
- Wilmington Community Television ([wctv.org](http://wctv.org))
- The Village Square ([tlh.villagesquare.us](http://tlh.villagesquare.us))
- Living Room Conversations ([livingroomconversations.org](http://livingroomconversations.org))

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## Learn about the teenage brain, addiction and risk

WILMINGTON — On Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, the public is invited to hear a talk about the teen brain, addiction and risk taking. Questions will be discussed such as what you need to know about the adolescent brain development. Why do some people struggle with addiction, while others seem immune? What can be done to reduce the chance of addiction in ourselves and our children?

Who should attend? Parents, caregivers, grandparents, teens, teachers, and any community members who about youth and the health of the community. Participants will gain insight into how the teen brain develops and functions, and

how to apply this information in daily interactions with teens.

Dr. Ruth Potee is a board certified Family Physician and Addiction Medicine physician at Valley Medical Group in Greenfield. She is a native of western Massachusetts and attended public schools in the North Quabbin region. She attended Wellesley College, Yale University School of Medicine and did her residency at Boston University where she remained as an assistant professor of Family Medicine for eight years.

In addition to practicing full-scope family medicine, she is currently the Medical Director for the Franklin County House of Corrections, the Franklin Recovery

and Treatment Center and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District as well as the Chair of the Healthcare Solutions of the Opioid Taskforce of Franklin County.

She was named Franklin County Doctor of the Year by the Massachusetts Medical Society in 2015 and is the Chair of the Department of Medicine at Baystate-Franklin Medical Center. Dr. Potee engages communities in discussions surrounding substance abuse through her wide ranging series of talks.

This event is sponsored by the Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition and St. Thomas of Villanova Church. If you have any questions please call Shelly Newhouse at 978-658-4298.

## Dunkin' Donuts operator pays penalty for violating state's earned sick time law

BOSTON — A Stoneham company that operates more than 60 Dunkin Donut stores in Massachusetts (including one in Wilmington) has paid a \$60,000 penalty for failure to comply with the state's Earned Sick Time Law, Attorney General Maura Healey announced today.

In a settlement agreement with the AG's Office, Jose S. Couto, Manager of Couto Management Group, LLC and President of Rockland Donuts, Inc., has agreed to pay the penalty for failing to provide notice to employees about their rights under the law, as required.

"We're counting on all businesses to inform their workers about their right to sick time," said AG Healey. "That's especially important where workers are handling food. We're glad to have resolved this matter to ensure that 2,000 Massachusetts workers will be able to take the sick time they

earn."

The earned sick time law allows for workers to use up to 40 hours of earned sick time per year if they (or their child, spouse, parent, or spouse's parent) are sick or injured or have a routine medical appointment.

The AG's Office began an investigation after receiving a complaint from an employee at a Roslindale Dunkin Donuts operated by the employer. Couto Management Group has approximately 2,000 employees across all stores in Massachusetts.

The investigation revealed that the Couto failed to provide individual notice to employees about earned sick time. The law requires employers to provide a hard copy or electronic notice to employees of the law's requirements or include an earned sick time policy or allowable substitute paid leave policy in any employee

manual or handbook.

AG Healey's Fair Labor Division is responsible for enforcing state laws regulating the payment of wages, including prevailing wage, minimum wage, overtime laws and earned sick time laws.

Workers who believe that their rights have been violated in their workplace are encouraged to file a complaint at [www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor](http://www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor). For information about the state's wage and hour laws, workers may call the Office's Fair Labor Hotline at (617) 727-3465 or go to the Attorney General's new Workplace Rights website [www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor](http://www.mass.gov/ago/fairlabor) for materials in multiple languages.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Lisa Price and Investigator Kevin Shanahan, both of AG Healey's Fair Labor Division.



▲ Top, Grant Wright, CEO, OSRAM Americas.



▲ Above, Michael Bornhorst, Associate Vice President, CDSE, Boston Children's Hospital Trust.

► Right, Bryan Thomas was a patient at Children's Hospital after experiencing a near death brain hemorrhage due to a tangle of blood vessels (AVM). Children's Hospital saved Brian's life after 14 hours of surgery. Brian is now able to give back raising over \$30,000 to help with AVM... the silent killer.

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◀ Left, Michael Flieger, Chief Financial Officer, OSRAM America.

## OSRAM, Children's Hospital shine blue light on needs of kids

OSRAM FROM PAGE 1

from all over the world."

Speakers included OSRAM Americas CEO, Grant Wright, OSRAM Americas Region Chief Financial Officer, Michael Flieger, Associate Vice President of Corporate Development and Special Events, Michael Bornhorst, and former patient Bryan Thomas, who shared his harrowing and life-threatening ordeal that, ultimately, brought him to Boston Children's Hospital.

Speaking before OSRAM employees and guests dotted throughout the large lobby staircase and first and second floor hallways, Bryan described the onset of the brain hemorrhage that nearly took his life, as "a headache so bad, it was the worst thing I have ever felt."

When Bryan vomited and passed out, his friends called 911 and he was taken to South Shore Hospital where his parents were told he needed to go to Children's. It was determined that he suffers from AVM, (Arteriovenous Malformation) a condition that begins in the embryonic stage, and described on [www.childrenshospital.org](http://www.childrenshospital.org) (also where Bryan's story can be found), as "a tangle of arteries and veins in the brain that disrupt the normal flow of blood."

Dr. Edward Smith, Director, Pediatric Cerebrovascular Surgery and Dr. Darren Orbach, Division Chief, Interventional and Neurointerventional Ra-

dology collaborated, and after 14 hours of surgery, saved Bryan's life.

Bryan still had many obstacles to hurdle, including paralysis on his left side, partial blindness, among others, but with the help of his surgeons and physical therapists at Children's, Bryan made as much progress in one year than what might have taken him a lifetime, now able to walk and to tell his story.

"I'm better now," said Bryan, who has since raised over \$30,000 to help battle AVM.

OSRAM CEO Grant Wright, who had attended the morning event and visited the oncology floor, along with Bornhorst and Flieger, spoke of his experience reflecting on the numerous contributions to quality of life Children's Hospital presents to children and their families.

"You really see the troubles people go through," said Wright, adding, "the kids are so upbeat, so resilient."

The multi-faceted initiative entitled, Light Up Our Hospital, Ignited by OSRAM, includes a three-year partnership with BCH, and is part of a dedicated month-long campaign to support the Yawkey Family Inn and patients and families at BCH.

The two-part celebration included sharing details about a Boston Children's Hospital special event to be held at Boston's Prudential Tower on Feb. 15, for which OSRAM is the

title sponsor.

In addition to a \$250,000 donation, as part of the partnership, OSRAM will be donating the blue light bracelets to be distributed to families, patients and employees and will be made available for a small donation with proceeds to go to the Every Child Fund.

Michael Bornhorst spoke, "This program provides children with hope and light," adding, "It has grown leaps and bounds."

The event concluded with words of encouragement by Michael Flieger, to wear the wristbands, and take advantage of social media to get the word out for the Light Up Our Hospital event using the hashtag #BCHShineYourLight, hitting home the point that, as Flieger said, "This partnership goes beyond the monetary donation."

On Feb. 15, a patient will flip a switch to light over 30 tower landmarks throughout the city in blue, Boston Children's Hospital's signature color, including the Zakim Bridge, and is planned for late afternoon when it becomes dark, promising to be a beautiful and wholly uplifting sight.

Also, in a "spread the light" employee initiative, two prizes will be offered to OSRAM Massachusetts-based employees for the evening: a helicopter ride for two over the city during the lighting or dinner for two at the Top of the Hub restaurant at the Prudential Center overlooking the city and blue-lit skyline.

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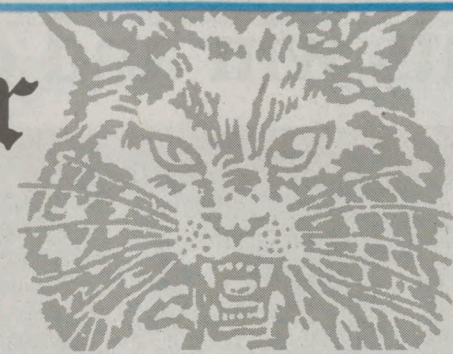
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## Wildcats take down Rams at the TD Garden

See Pages 2-6 for complete coverage of all three levels



Wilmington High's Billy McEvoy tries to block a shot taken by Shawsheen Tech's Ryan Quinones during Saturday's game at the TD Garden. Looking on include Wilmington's Chris Grecco (10), Stephen Anthony (24) and Graham Smith (3) as well as Shawsheen's Sam Baker and Casey DeCost (24). (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Silver Lake Classic Champions



The 9th annual Silver Lake Classic was held on Saturday. Winning team of the Tier-1 Division includes from left, Derek Cuddy, Bob Sinopoli, Brian Cuddy, and Captain Zach Church. See PG 11W for more. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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# Smith leads charge as 'Cats win and qualify for tourney

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BOSTON - For well over a year, this game has been in the making. And when it was over, Dennis Ingram said the atmosphere made the entire experience go by in what seemed like a few seconds.

"It's good experience. It's crazy though. It really happens so fast. It flies by. It's so cool to be out there on the Garden. You see the floor, you see the banners, you see the jumbotron and it's just awesome and so much fun," he said minutes after his Wilmington High School Boys' Basketball team defeated Shawsheen Tech 60-51 in a non-league game played Saturday morning at the TD Garden.

"All of my guys between Varsity, JV and Freshmen all played and hopefully they can all say that they had a great day."

For Wilmington it was a great day. The 'Cats won the game and by doing so the team qualified for the Division 3 North Sectional Tournament via the Sullivan Rule, regardless of the outcomes of the team's games the rest of the way.

This win pushes Wilmington to at least a 4-4 record (4-2 currently) against Division 3 teams which is enough for Ingram to make his first post-season appearance, now in his second-year behind the bench.

"Qualifying for the tournament is great. I know I have said this before but the Middlesex League is extremely difficult. Why they made the move there, I don't know? I know they didn't have my personal opinion on that," he said with a big smile. "We're small and we play a lot of these big schools that have a lot more kids than we do. We talk to all of these coaches and they tell us how many kids they had try out for their teams and it's like 'wow!'"

Wilmington's offense started out 'wow' in the game against Shawsheen. The 'Cats were really moving the ball around the court, while Graham Smith couldn't be stopped between drives, outside shots or setting up his teammates.

The 'Cats took a 15-7 lead forcing Shawsheen coach Greg Bendel to call a time-out, and Wilmington closed out the first quarter outscoring the Rams 7-3 behind a bucket from Smith on a nice feed from Chris Grecco, a fade away jumper from Danny Gracia and a drive from Stephen Anthony, who was fouled but missed the freebie. The first quarter ended with the 'Cats having a commanding 22-10 lead.

Wilmington broke the game wide open in the second quarter starting out on a 6-1 run and ending it on an 8-



On Saturday, the members of the WHS Varsity Boys Basketball team had an opportunity of a lifetime, playing a game at the TD Garden, defeating Shawsheen Tech. The team includes front row from left, Assistant Coach Chris Frissore, Brett Tavares, Matthew Thomas, Joseph Rebeiro, Stephen Anthony, Graham Smith, and Justin Treviani; back row from left, Head Coach Dennis Ingram, Sean Hardy, William McEvoy, Christopher Grecco, Daniel Gracia, Kellan Hardy, Christopher Stokes, Matthew Hansen, assistant coach Kyle Albanese and WHS Athletic Trainer Melanie Bachteler.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

3 run. Baskets by Smith, Gracia, Billy McEvoy and a three-pointer by Chris Grecco extended the lead to 41-20 at the break.

Wilmington seemed to stop running the floor, stopped passing as well as they did in the second half, and turned the ball over multiple times which allowed the Rams to get back into the game. Perhaps the 'Cats were tired with the bigger floor, but regardless Wilmington scored just two field goals - coming in a 23 second span - in the third quarter compared to 16 combined in the first half.

The 'Cats went the final 6:16 without a field goal, all the while Sam Baker and the Rams climbed right back in the game, ending that 6:16 outscoring Wilmington 17-1 to cut it down 48-42 after three quarters.

The first few minutes of the fourth quarter was extremely sloppy for both teams with one field goal in the first 2:55 and three in the first 3:58. Wilmington had three of those four field goals with baskets from Gracia, Smith and a drive from Joe Rebeiro to push the lead back to double digits which stayed through the final 2:06.

"We got off to a nice start. Then it seemed like we got a little tight. Shawsheen really didn't change things up. They went to their press in the fourth quarter. I like when teams press us because I think we have a lot of good athletes. I think Greg (Bendel) kind of knew that so he was staying away from that."

"Sometimes you make shots and you look like a great coach and sometimes you miss two foot shots and you are saying 'what do we need to do' but today we were 22-for-63 (from the floor). Graham was 9-for-19 with 20 points and Danny Gracia was pretty solid."

"We usually get more out of some other guys but that's going to happen with a game like this. I'm sure there were some nerves out there and the depth perception of where the hoop is and some of its plays to our advantage and some of it doesn't."

Smith led the way with 20 points, followed by Gracia with 11 points and 10 rebounds and Stephen Anthony with seven points off the bench. Those performances have now helped Wilmington reach the playoffs.

"We said from the beginning that we have a lot of multi-sport kids and we're going to try to improve every day and every week and hopefully we would be better in January than we were in December and better in February than we were in January."

"If the effort stays consistent which it has, then if we made the tournament we could be battle tested because we won't be facing teams in the Division 3 tournament that's as good as Arlington, Winchester or Woburn."

"I think the boys have taken that, they have understood it and we talk about competing every minute of every single game no matter what the outcome or the score. Getting into the tournament is a great thing. The last week of the (regular

season, we have Stoneham and Watertown (the other Division 3 teams and), it would have made for a sleepless four weeks."

From 1995 to 2009, the Wildcats competed in the state tournament all but one year, compiling 18 playoff wins, reaching the sectional final three times, all under then head coach Jim McCune and all in Division 3.

That 2009 season was his last, which saw the 'Cats defeat North Reading in the first round of the Division 3 tournament, 70-64, before losing to Bishop Fenwick, 71-60 in overtime, in the sectional semi-finals.

That win over North Reading is the last tournament win for the program. Under Joe Maiella, the team advanced three times losing in the first round in 2010 to Dracut (83-52), in 2011 as the No. 1 seed to the No. 16 seed Winchester (72-61) and then in 2015 against Marblehead (74-51) in the preliminary round.

Those three seasons under Maiella all came competing in Division 2 and Wilmington is now back in Division 3.

## 'CATS FALL IN TWO OTHER GAMES

Two nights before the Shawsheen game, Wilmington was defeated by Arlington, 71-50. Grecco had a season high 14 points with Gracia adding 11 and 7 rebounds.

On Tuesday night, the 'Cats fell to 4-11 on the season with a 62-45 loss to Lexington.

"It was close game into the fourth quarter and then



Wilmington High senior Billy McEvoy tries to block Shawsheen's Sam Baker down the lane during Saturday morning's contest held at the TD Garden.

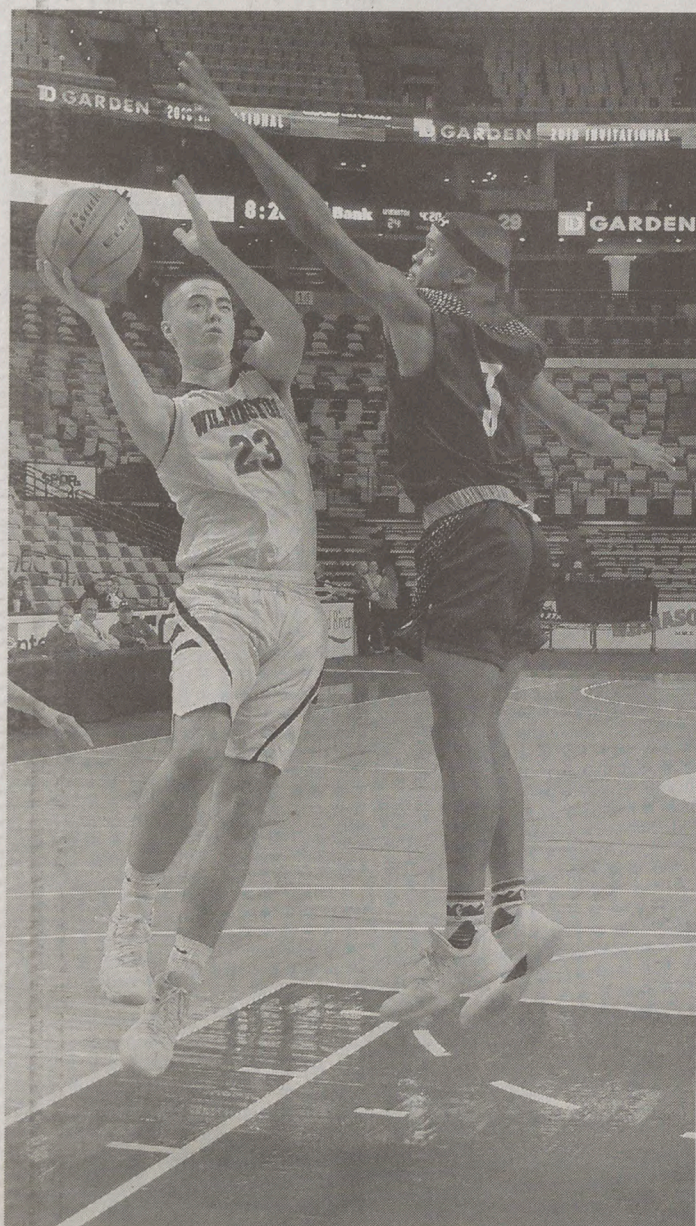
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Lexington pulled away for the win. We gave them all they could handle defensively with strong efforts all around," said Ingram.

McEvoy led the way offensively with 16 points and 9 rebounds, while Gracia had

9 points and 7 rebounds and Smith had 9 points and 5 assists.

Wilmington will travel to Melrose on Friday before coming home to face Burlington on Tuesday.



To the left, Wilmington High's Danny Gracia makes a move to the basket with Shawsheen's Sam Baker trying to defend; Above, Wilmington's Stephen Anthony takes a shot with Shawsheen's Ryan Quinones and Mark Giordano trying to get a hand on it, and to the right, Graham Smith dribbles with the ball as Giordano looks on.

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# Despite the early start, game and event was certainly worth it

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BOSTON -- As a sports-writer, taking a trip to the TD Garden is always an enjoyable experience. Over my career here at the Town Crier, I watched three ice hockey teams win state championship titles, two more lose in the championship game, another play in the Super-8 tournament and one basketball team play and lose in the state final.

On Saturday morning - for the record 8 am is way too early for any game - I made my first trip to the Garden to cover a basketball game for the Town Crier since 1997. Soon to be 23 years old, the young sportswriter was as clueless on the job then as I am now trying to put on my two daughter's swimsuits before swim lessons every Sunday morning (note to self: straps go in the back).

The '97 game was the Shawsheen Tech Girls'

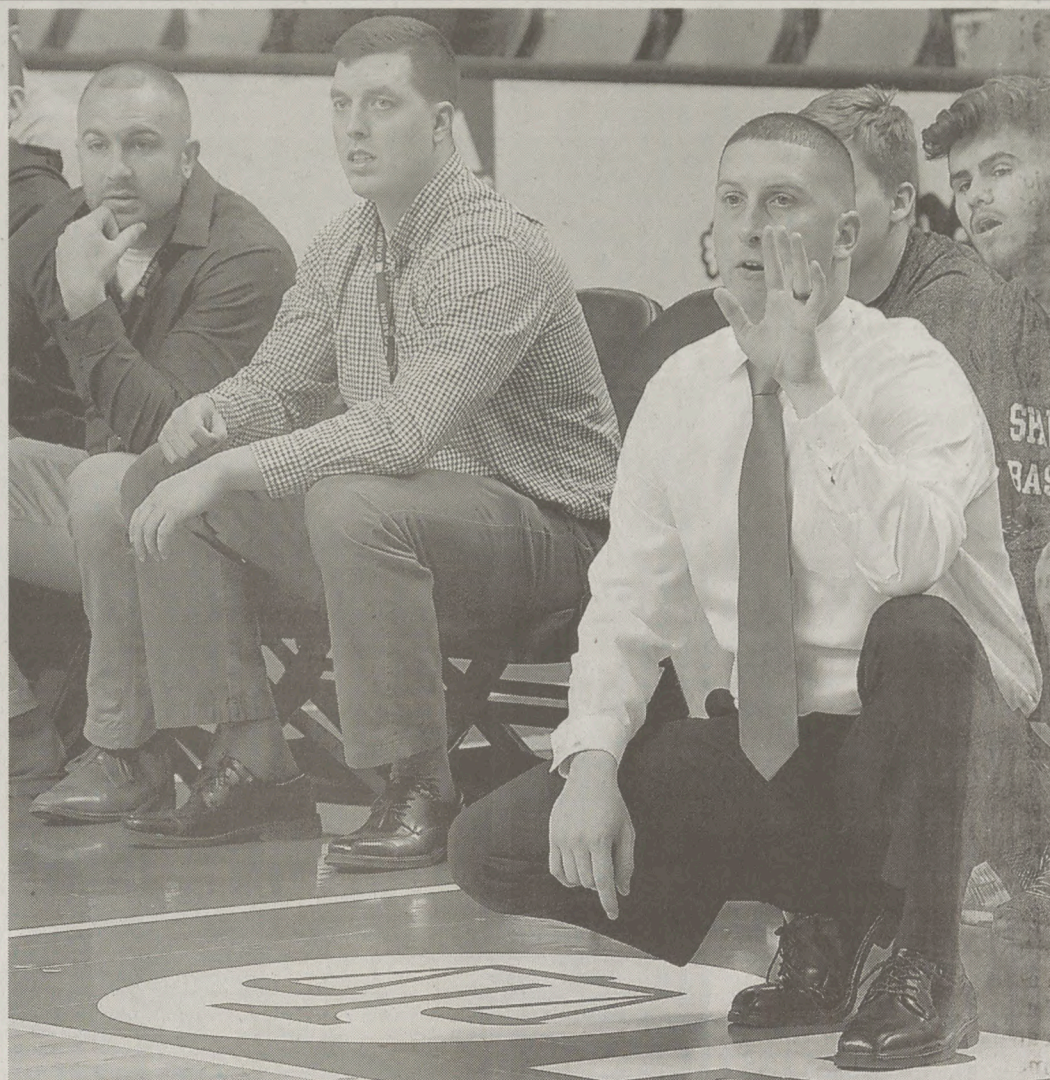
Basketball team facing Hull in the Division 4 State Championship (no Western Mass in D4 back then). The Rams lost to Hull 47-29.

After the loss during an interview with Ritchie, he said, "we didn't belong here" although his team finished 20-4. Wilmington's Melissa Merrill, was a key player for the team, and was thrilled to be there saying so after the game. She was one of three locals including Beth Gilpatrick and Kellie Shannahan.

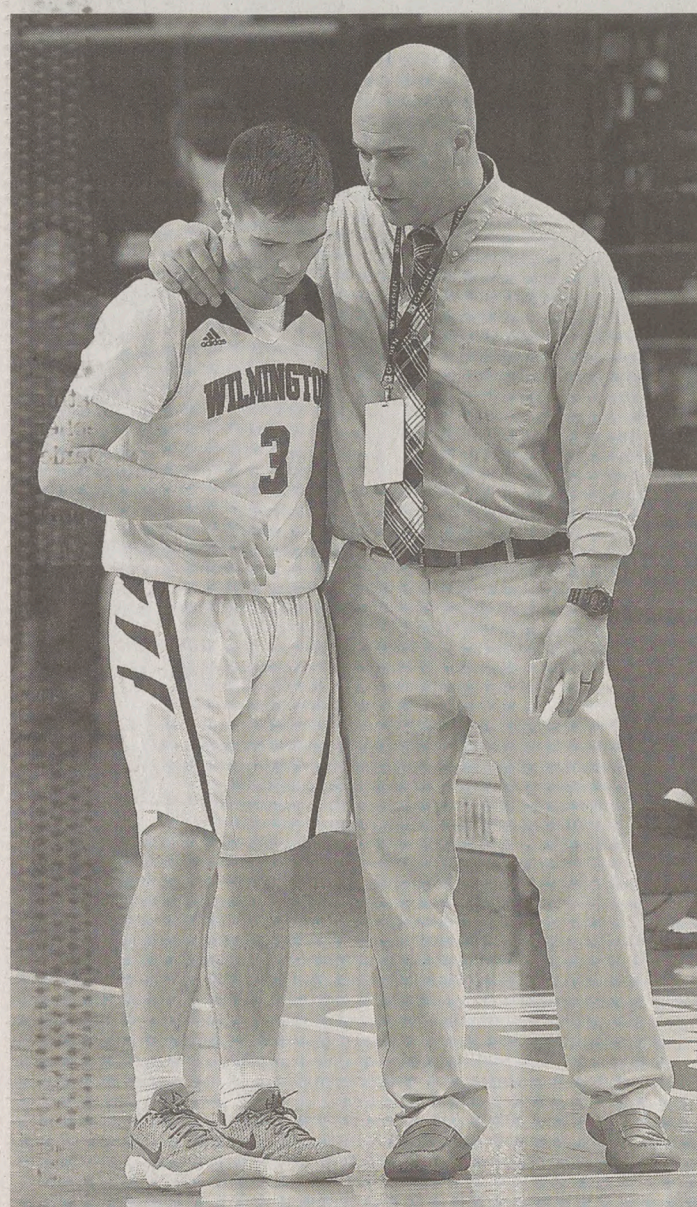
Fast forward 21 years later to this past Saturday for my second trip to watch local high school basketball teams play. This time it was the Shawsheen boys team taking on Wilmington in a non-league game as part of the Good Sports Invitational, which featured nine games throughout the day. Again Shawsheen suffered the loss as Wilmington took an early 10-7 lead after a three-pointer from Graham Smith and never looked back, winning, 60-51.

As a sportswriter covering the game it was a blast ... except for one thing to be told in a few. Sitting at the court-side press table at the TD Garden, along with my good friend and co-worker of 15-plus years Mike Ippolito, and his son Adam, looking around at the beautiful Garden where the likes of my favorite ice hockey - yes ice hockey - players suit up is always a good take. Actually the chances of naming five current Boston Celtics' players right now without looking it up are as slim as people actually giving Tuukka Rask some credit for being a stud inbetween the posts.

Anyway back to basketball, Smith was the red-hot player finishing with 20 points. He looked like vintage Larry Bird driving to the basket, pulling up three-pointers and dishing off impressive passes. At the other end was



Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball Coach (and Wilmington Board of Selectmen) Greg Bendel instructs a play to his team, while assistant coaches Joel Mignault and Joe Gore look on. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)



Wilmington High Boys Basketball Coach Dennis Ingram chats with senior Graham Smith during Saturday's game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Sam Baker, who also finished with 20 points and he too was extremely athletic on the floor, while he single-handedly got his team back into the game.

Despite the late scare, Wilmington held on to win 60-51 and the victory propelled the team into the state tournament via the Sullivan Rule.

After the game, the plan was for me to interview Wilmington High head coach Dennis Ingram and hopefully several players and Ippolito would chat with Shawsheen Coach Greg Bendel and some of his players. That all went to plan - Wilmington's five senior starters Danny Gracia, Graham Smith, Billy McEvoy, Chris Grecco and Joe Ribeiro all spoke about the game, what it meant to

them to play at the Garden and qualifying for the state tournament. Then I asked Ingram some questions, only to find out that my quotes with the players were never recorded as I never actually hit the 'record' button (it has happened before).

Apparently 25 years on the job and I'm still clueless.

Without the actual quotes, I do remember that Smith said the bigger court size made a big difference, that Rebeiro was in complete awe playing on the shiny parquet floor, that Grecco said that this was an opportunity of a lifetime, Gracia was excited about how the team's offense played especially early on and McEvoy thanked the coaching staff and others who worked tirelessly to put this game together.

It was all great stuff, just I didn't get it on tape. Sorry guys.

However, what I did get was to cover a fun-filled basketball game. You had two class coaches in Dennis Ingram and Greg Bendel lead two class programs, regardless of their records, in front of several hundred fans on a Saturday morning. What else would we have been doing?

The two coaches as well as Linda DuCharme - did a lot behind the scenes to make Saturday's game at the TD Garden possible.

As a sportswriter, I can only say thank you to the three of them as well as the other volunteers, coaches and players involved for making it happen. It was certainly an enjoyable experience.



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# Shawsheen's second half surge falls short

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BOSTON - While they didn't get the result they were looking for in their early Saturday morning matchup with Wilmington High at TD Garden, dropping a hard fought 60-51 decision to their neighborhood rivals, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team was able to walk off the famed Garden parquet with their heads held high after a great second half comeback, which despite falling a little short, revealed the character of a squad that made the most out of a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The game, which had an 8:00 a.m. tipoff, was part of the 2018 TD Garden Good Sports Invitational, an event which featured nine games throughout the day, with teams from all over the state.

A slow start saw the Rams fall into a 41-20 halftime deficit. The game looked like it was turning into a discouraging blowout, but a tremendous third quarter comeback by the Rams brought them to within six points at 48-42 at the end of three quarters. Wilmington then squelched the Rams comeback in the fourth quarter.

"I was really, really proud



The 2017-18 Shawsheen Tech Varsity Basketball team played against Wilmington at the TD Garden on Saturday morning. The team includes: Back Row from left: Assistant Coach Matt Bruno, Team Manager Kyle Imbody, Freshman Coach Joel Mignault, Brendan Studley, Mark Giordano, Jon Pilla, Jalen Massengill, Sam Baker, Zach Mickle, Head Coach Greg Bendel and JV Coach Joe Gore; Front Row from left to right: Ryan Quinones, Jack DeCourcey, Captain Brandon Bicknell, Casey DeCost and Ryan Smith. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)



of the way the team fought back and played in the third quarter," Shawsheen coach Greg Bendel said. "We really battled them all the way, but credit Wilmington for getting it done in the fourth quarter and making their free throws down the stretch."

The Rams were led by senior Sam Baker's 20 points and nine rebounds, while junior Zach Mickle chipped in with 15 points and four rebounds and junior Mark Giordano had 11 points and three rebounds.

Wilmington, meanwhile was led by senior Graham Smith's 20 points, as well as senior captain Dan Gracia's 11 points and 10 rebounds and senior Billy McEvoy's six points and four rebounds.

Shawsheen led 4-3 just over a minute into the game on a bucket by Baker, but Wilmington took over from there, with Smith who had 16 of his 20 points in the first quarter, leading the charge. The Wildcats used a 13-1 run

at the end of the first quarter and early in the second quarter to take a 28-11 lead with 3:30 left in the first half.

The Wildcats led by as many as 24 points, at 41-17 after a three pointer by senior captain Chris Grecco in the final minute of the quarter before the Rams closed to within 41-20 at the break.

"Obviously Wilmington came out and had a great first half, and we got off to a slow start," Bendel said. "That was a result of two things. Number one, credit to Wilmington with how well they came out and played in the first half and also, this (TD Garden) is a very difficult place to play and I think we found out first hand just how difficult it is to shoot here and to play here overall on such a large court. But we can't use that as an excuse. Wilmington played on the same size court."

Heading into halftime trailing by 21 points, the Rams might have had reason to be discouraged, but they were anything but, as instead of sulking, they looked for ways to turn things around in the second half.

"In the locker room everyone was very positive. We were just looking to fight back and get back in the game," Bendel said. "We got the shock and awe of being out there on the big stage behind us, and I think we were ready to battle in the second half."

And battle they did, outscoring the Wildcats 22-7 in the third quarter, including a 17-1 run to close out frame, led by the efforts of Baker, Mickle and junior Casey DeCoste of Tewksbury.

"We cut it to six points and that was fantastic," Bendel said. "I think our goal was to cut it down to ten or twelve at the end of the third so to get it to six was way ahead of schedule, so that's a credit to our guys for really hustling on the defensive end, and doing all the right things offensively."

The Rams may have wished the third quarter never ended, as the fourth quarter featured some very uneven play by both teams, with the first field goal of the eight minute quarter coming with 5:10 left on a basket by Gracia for Wilmington to make the score 50-42 in favor of the Wildcats.

Shawsheen stayed within eight to ten points for much of the fourth quarter, but

could not get any closer as the Wildcats hit some clutch shots to close out the victory.

"I think both teams didn't know what to do there for a couple minutes, and then Wilmington kind of took over down the stretch," Bendel said. "They are well coached, and they play in a very difficult league. They don't have any nights off in their league and I think that showed today, so my hats off to Wilmington for a very, well played game."

Despite the loss, Bendel is confident that the experience of playing on the Garden court will be something they will always remember fondly.

"It was amazing. I was really excited for our kids," Bendel said. "This is something two years in the making and we worked closely with coach (Dennis) Ingram to make sure this would happen. We are very thankful that they had us here. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and our kids are going to hopefully remember it for the rest of their lives. For me personally, it was fantastic to see the smiles on their faces and see how excited they were when we came out on the court."

"And to have our JV and Freshmen teams get to play on the Garden floor was just amazing. We are the only two ballclubs who can say that every kid stepped on the parquet floor and played and got to look up at those banners and be out on the same court where guys like Larry Bird and Paul Pierce have played. It was just amazing and hopefully our kids will remember this for a long time."

## ADDITIONAL GAMES

In addition to their exciting Saturday morning matchup with Wilmington at the TD Garden, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team had two other games this past week, going 1-1 in those contests, dropping an 85-64 decision to Chelsea last Thursday, and then coming up with a big 64-48 win over Northeast in a home game on Tuesday night.

In the win over Northeast, the Rams (5-9) were led by 20 points and nine rebounds from junior guard Zack Mickle, while junior forward Mark Giordano had 13 points and five rebounds and junior guard Casey DeCoste of Tewksbury had 12 points.



## Busy lane of traffic

Above left, Sam Baker battles for a deflected ball against Grecco and Stephen Anthony; and bottom left, Shawsheen's Ryan Quinones sends a floater to the basket with Billy McEvoy and Dan Gracia (23) looking on. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com)



## Wilmington and Shawsheen JV game

## Several dunks and a lot of baskets

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BOSTON - It's very rare that a varsity basketball player ever gets the opportunity to play on the floor of Boston Garden, let alone a junior varsity player, so imagine what a thrill it must have been for the JV squads from Wilmington High and Shawsheen Tech on Saturday morning when they took to the famed Garden parquet floor for an exhibition game prior to the varsity game between the two schools.

Shaking off the cobwebs that must have come with an early morning wake up call in order to be ready for the 7:15 a.m. tipoff prior to the 8:00 a.m. varsity game, both JV squads put on an entertaining battle for the early arriving crowd.

While Shawsheen appeared to get the better of the play, no official score was kept in the contest, and that probably made sense, as for one game at least, the score really did not matter, as everyone who participated could certainly be considered a winner.

"It was just an unbelievable experience. It is the opportunity of a lifetime for these kids to be able to get out there and run up and down the court at the TD Garden," Shawsheen JV coach Joe Gore said. "It's all about having fun and in competing, and that's with these guys did today."

Wilmington JV coach Pat Taylor echoed Gore's thoughts, stressing that the most important part of the day was for the players to have fun during what is sure to be a lifelong memory.

"It's all about the kids today. It's a once in a lifetime experience for most of them if not all of them so I am just glad they got to get out there and run up and

down the court," Taylor said. "Even just warming up on the floor of the Garden is something cool that not a lot of people get to say they did."

Several players from both squads took advantage of their opportunity on the famous court to make a name for themselves, with Shawsheen sophomore Jalen Massengill perhaps standing out more than any other, with an estimated 14 points, including a pair of spectacular dunks, while Wilmington freshman Aidan McGrath had an estimated 12 points, including a pair of three pointers.

One of the more entertaining aspects of the game, due in large part to the lack of actual scorekeeping, was the camaraderie shown between the teams, with Wilmington players oohing and aahing over Massengill's dunks, while the Rams backed off on defense to allow a Wilmington player to attempt a dunk late in the game.

"I think both teams realize that it was a hard thing to do to earn the right to play here, so they were just enjoying every minute of it," Gore said. "Anytime you get the opportunity to go out there and play under all these championship banners it is a special thing, so I think both teams just enjoyed all of that, and took the moment in and played as hard as they could."

Taylor certainly noticed a different attitude among his players and for himself, as he simply enjoyed watching his team enjoying the moment.

"I said to the kids on the bench, this is the most relaxed I have ever been as a coach, because all I care about is you guys having fun

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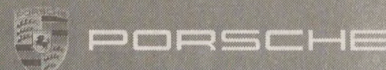


The WHS JV Team includes front row from left: Kevin Palmerino, Owen Surette, Ryan Clarke, Dominic Ardizzoni, and Joshua Crampton; back row from left, Jordan Olatilu, Cameron Willis, Thomas Grecco, Connor Paquette, James McCarron, Aidan McGrath and Coach Pat Taylor; Below, the Shawsheen Tech JV team includes: front row from left: Team manager Kyle Imbody, Matt Naughton, Connor Rich, Nick Tuccelli, James Ahern and Josiah Martinez; back row from left: James Genetti, James Alagna, Santino Garafalo, Andrew Munsie, Jake Tyler and JV Coach Joe Gore.

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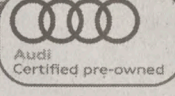
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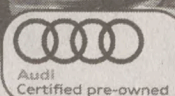
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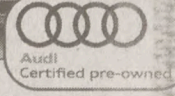
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## Freshmen teams have a lot of fun in halftime battle

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BOSTON - Early Saturday morning at TD Garden, two groups of young basketball players, most of whom are about 14 years old, got to experience something that few people ever will in their lifetime, playing a basketball game on the Boston Celtics famed parquet floor of TD Garden.

The players involved were the freshmen teams from Wilmington High and Shawsheen Tech, who played an exhibition contest at halftime of the varsity game between the two schools as part of the Good Sports High School Invitational, an event which featured nine games throughout the day.

The only freshmen who got to play in the event, however, were the young men from these two local schools, and the players and coaches loved every minute of the experience.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the boys. I just told our guys to go out there have some fun and don't have any stress, and that is what they did," Wilmington freshman coach Chris DiCecca said. "I think the kids really enjoyed it and loved getting the opportunity to play here."

Shawsheen coach Joel Mignault could also see the excitement in his players, who had been waiting for this opportunity.

"They have been looking forward to this," Mignault said. "It's like a dream come true for some of these guys. It's my first time too so it was just a great experience and being against Wilmington and knowing some of these kids just makes it even better for them."

While no score was kept during the brief game, it was clear to see that both teams were playing hard regardless of whether or not the game will count in the stand-

ings. "There is really no game plan going into this," Mignault said. "I just wanted them to go out there and do their best and have fun, and they did that, but they were all working hard. That was great to see. I have never been down here before so this was awesome for me as well, to be on the sideline coaching these guys and seeing them experience this."

DiCecca did acknowledge that getting to share the court with their friendly rivals from Shawsheen made a special day even better.

"We are always competing, us and Shawsheen Tech," DiCecca said. "We are rivals for the most part so we go and compete, but for the most part today we just wanted to go out there and have fun."

DiCecca couldn't resist joking that if he has anything to say about it, he will be back on the Celtics sideline very soon.

"I told the kids I was going for (Celtics coach) Brad Stevens' job," DiCecca said with a laugh. "I was looking at my scouts trying to find my next assistant coach. We'll see, I am expecting a call some time in the future."

The members of the Wilmington High freshman team are Justin LaFauci, Christopher Wong, Patrick O'Mahony, Denizio Ricupero, Thomas Grenier, Cal DiPesa, Patrick Xavier, Nicholas Sullivan, Peter DiAdamo, Evan Maninos, Ryan Forcina, Sean Riley and Samuel Juergens.

Members of the Shawsheen Tech freshman team are Alex Campbell, Steven Contrada of Wilmington, Chris Disciscio, Matt Hemmenway, Devin Milano of Wilmington, Eric Ndungu of Tewksbury, Tyler Newhouse of Wilmington, Tay Nortquist, Cole Reardon, Nolan Rexford, Cameron Rich, Alex Smith, Dan Siwik and Diondre Turner of Wilmington.



Above, the WHS Freshmen Boys Basketball team includes front row from left: Thomas Grenier, Patrick O'Mahony, Justin LaFauci, Thomas Grenier, and Cal DiPesa; Back row from left, Coach Christopher DiCecca, Ryan Forcina, Christopher Wong, Nicolas Sullivan, Samuel Juergens, Patrick Xavier, Evan Maninos, and Sean Riley; below the Shawsheen Tech Freshmen Team includes: front row from left: Alex Smith, Diondre Turner, Matt Hemmenway, Stephen Contrada, Devin Milano, Eric Ndungu and Team Manager Alex Newcomb; back row from left: Freshman Coach Joel Mignault, Tyler Newhouse, Dan Siwik, Nick Disciscio, Cole Reardon, Cameron Rich, Antavious Nortquist and Nolan Rexford.

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Shawsheen Tech's Casey DeCost takes a shot with Wilmington's Chris Grecco trying to block it during the Varsity Game played Saturday morning at the TD Garden. Wilmington prevailed 60-51.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Shawsheen Tech Varsity Cheerleading team did a great job supporting the players during Saturday's game at the TD Garden. The team includes front row from left: Captain Jessica Cacciola, Captain Jessica Nelson and Captain Brenna MacElhiney; middle row from left: Alanna MacMillan, Rose Knott, Brianna Hall and Tori Fuller; and back row from left, Coach Andrea Bendel, Madison Cole, Rylee Pratt, Karissa Kakleas, Olivia Leeds, Teagan MacDonald and Hannah Pratt.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Several dunks and a lot of baskets in JV game

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and that's what they were doing. They made sure everybody got to touch the ball and everybody got some shots up, and got up and down the floor. It was a stress-free and really fun environment for both teams."

In addition to the players enjoying a once in a lifetime moment, it was the same for the coaches as well, with

both coaches patrolling the Garden sideline for the first time.

"(Wilmington varsity coach) Dennis (Ingram) said to me, I have never seen you smile so much during a game," Taylor said. "It was just a lot of fun to be out there and let the kids have fun and do their thing. We can worry about getting back to the season on

Monday. Today was just about to having fun and enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I am really happy for them."

"It's awesome that Dennis and (Shawsheen coach) Greg (Bendel) put this together, and Linda DuCharme as well on our side. All the effort that went into it really paid off for the kids this morning."

For Gore, it was just a thrill to be coaching on the same sidelines as so many Celtics legends of the past.

"You think about all of the championship coaches who have coached year and all the memories you have here," Gore said. "So just to be able to step on the same court as them is just a fun experience."

Members of the Wilmington junior varsity squad are freshmen Aidan McGrath, James McCarron and Owen Surette, sophomores Domenic Adrizzoni, Ryan Clarke, Thomas Grecco, Kevin Palmerino and Connor Paquette, along with juniors Jordan Olatilu, Cameron Willis and Joshua Crampton.

Members of the Shawsheen

junior varsity squad are Wilmington residents Andrew Munsie and Josiah Martinez, Tewksbury residents Santino Garafolo and Matt Naughton, as well as Billerica residents James Ahern, Jake Tyler, James Alagna, Connor Rich, Jalen Massengill, James Gennetti, Nick Tuccelli and team manager Kyle Imbody.



## Cheerleaders finish sixth in their division at Nationals

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DALLAS, TX/WILMINGTON, MA - It was certainly a weekend to remember.

The Wilmington High School cheerleading team traveled to Dallas, Texas this past weekend to participate in the High School National Cheerleading Association's Cheerleading competition held at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center.

In their division, the Wildcats placed sixth out of 12 teams and had what head coach Christina Zuccaro called, a successful two-day competition.

"We had a great time. I am very proud of these girls how they pulled together to prepare for the competition and execute their skills," she said.

On Saturday morning, the Wildcats performed on the Big Stage for the first time.

The girls came out (with a) very exciting (performance)," said Zuccaro. "We had a fall in a stunt sequence and a couple of bobbles in our pyramid. We scored well, but received two penalty deductions on Saturday knocking us to seventh place. One deduction was on the fall another was on an illegal element. We had lunch and went back to the hotel where we practiced and changed the routine around a little."

That changed seemed to really benefit the team. The

next day, the 'Cats had a tremendous performance which bumped them up a spot in the standings.

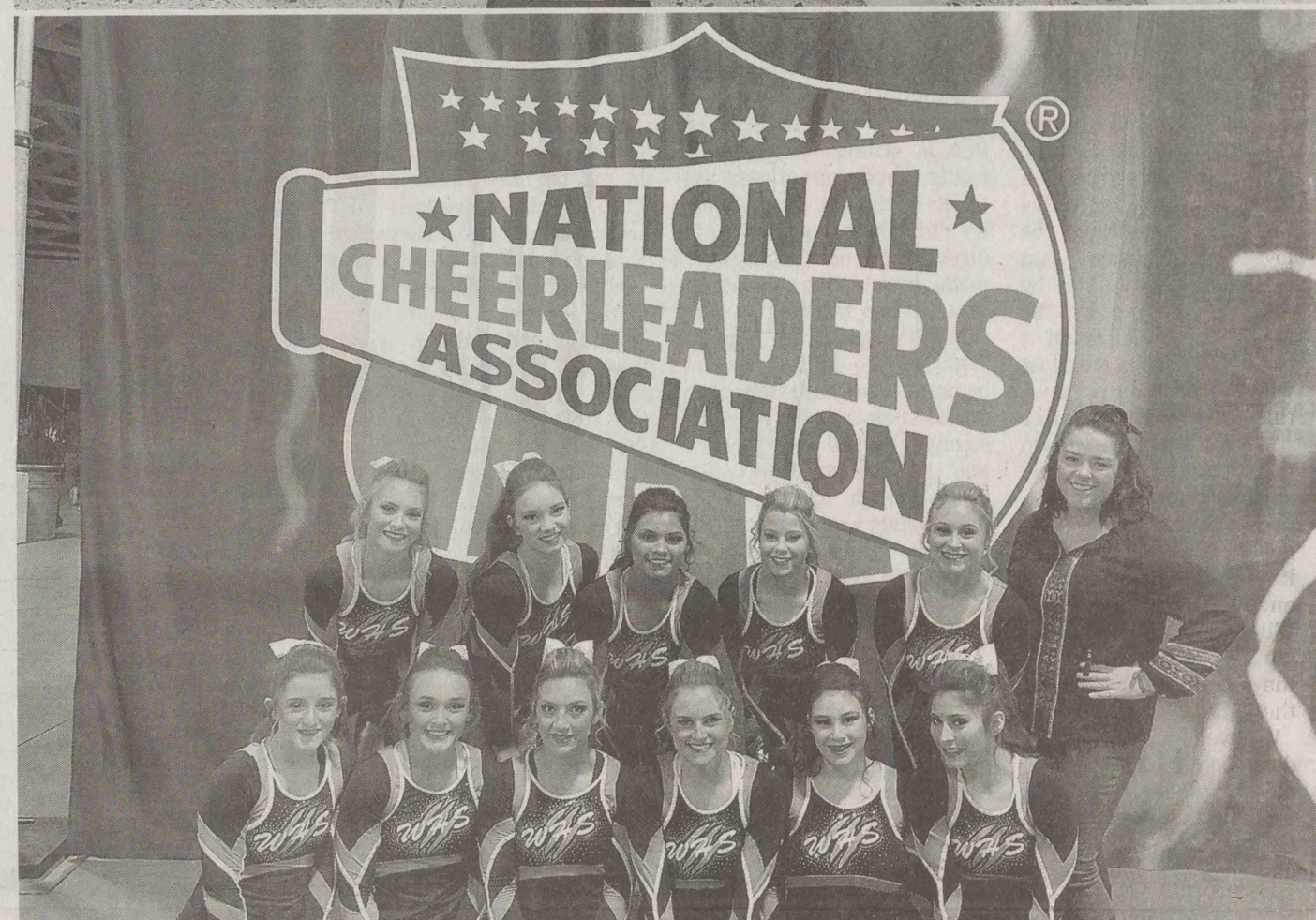
"We had a great warm up and everyone was confident," said Zuccaro. "When it came time to compete the girls were psyched. It was fun to watch. We had a couple minor mistakes, but did not get any deductions today. The scoring is 25 percent on day one and 75 percent on day two. We moved up in our rankings from seventh place to sixth place. The top two teams, Clear Springs, Texas and Warren, Texas, in our Small Intermediate Division were great."

The members of the team that performed on this trip include: co-captains Sam Belmonte and Ashley Rooney, as well as Kaitlyn Howland, Hailey DeJesus, Alex DiRienzo, Abby Silveira, Allie Ford, Shannon Barrett, Jessica Hayduk, Cloe McCauley and Kaitlyn Gillespie.

Zuccaro said that the entire team would like to thank Deb Smith and Tim Alberts for all of their help.

"Deb did so much to help us prepare for the Nationals and we can't thank her enough. And we also want to thank Mr. Alberts for his support throughout the entire event. He helped keep the team together and the trip run smoothly. We were proud to have him there with us."

Top right, the WHS Cheerleaders pose with their trophy for finishing in sixth place in their division during this weekend's Nationals held in Texas. The team includes: Front row: Shannon Barrett, Ashley Rooney, Hailey DeJesus, Samantha Belmonte and Allie Ford; and back row from left, Alex DiRienzo, Chloe McCauley, Abby Silveira, Kaitlyn Howland, Jessica Hayduk and Kaitlyn Gillespie; bottom left the team poses in front of the National Cheerleading sign. The team includes: front row from left: Shannon Barrett, Ashley Rooney, Samantha Belmonte, Hailey DeJesus, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Kaitlyn Howland; and back row from left: Chloe McCauley, Jessica Hayduk, Alex DiRienzo, Abby Silveira, Allie Ford and head coach Christina Zuccaro. (courtesy photos).



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The senior members on this year's WHS Girls Hockey team includes from left, Emily Hayden, Hailey Dusablon, Captain Jill Miele, Danielle Silva and Lauren D'Angelo. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Garrity and Luna excel at Coaches Invitational Meet

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ROXBURY - Gearing up for Monday's Middlesex League Championship Meet, the Wilmington High School Girls' Indoor Track-and-Field team had some strong showings during Saturday's Massachusetts State Track Coaches Invitational Meet (Small School Division) held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

One of the top performers on the day was Emma Garrity, who placed fifth in the 600-meters with a time of 1:40.56.

"Emma Garrity had a solid day including running a three second personal record (in the 600)," said head coach Brian Schell. "She put everything together that we talked about all season. Despite being in last coming out of the break, she got out strong and stayed true to her race. She looked strong all race with great splits and progressed well going onto her last lap and passing two girls."

"One of the biggest things for her to gain from this race was her position and not letting it get to her. I always say consistency is one if not the best things to have but so isn't sticking to your race and that is exactly what she did."

The other top performer was senior Lexi Luna, who was fifth in the 300-meters at 41.99 seconds and sixth in the 55-meter dash at 7.55.

"During the trial round of the dash, Lexi didn't have the greatest of starts coming out of the blocks," said Schell. "She was almost in last place but she had a strong turn over the last thirty meters to surge ahead and win the heat. Come the finals, she had a better drive phase and looked strong the hole race. Technically she tied for fifth place so it came down to the thousandths of seconds and she just got narrowed out. With a little more block work and a stronger drive phase, she can be under 7.5 (seconds)."

"In the 300, Lexi got off strong as we talked about all

season and looked smooth. Come the break line, she wasn't able to fight off a girl from her outside approaching the two hundred meter line. She has the first half of the race down and looks solid, other than that we just need to build some more muscle endurance and keep form the last fifty meters. With two weeks left until states, plenty of time to train and build on this."

Luna usually performs in the 4x400 but was scratched along with Julia McLaughlin due to some minor injuries, so the team of Katie McLaughlin, Evy Miller-Nuzzo, Garrity and Hannah LaVita competed and finished 21st overall with a time of 4:40.37.

"Due to unfortunate hamstring and shin concerns, we talked collectively as a group and had to substitute Katie and Hannah onto the team," said Schell. "I thank both girls for stepping up and allowing the other two girls to still compete in the event. The funny part too, Katie came to the meet simply to watch her sister only to borrow a uniform and spikes to jump in at the last minute."

"With no true warm up, she still managed to run her best split of the season at 68 seconds. To me that is true teammates and stepping up when needed."

LaVita also competed in the high jump and tied for 19th clearing 4-9, while Amie Russell was 27th in the shot put throwing 26-06.25 and Julia McLaughlin was 55th in the 300 at 47.49.

"We got a good look going into the championship meets approaching and both of these girls are in good spot for themselves," said Schell. "They haven't ran these events since our last dual meet three weeks ago against Melrose. It was good for them to compete against equally talented competition."

"I'm happy that they were able to come away with their awards and continue to push to the next level."

## Girls Hockey team splits pair of back-to-back games

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WILMINGTON - After watching the Wilmington High Boys' Hockey team lose by a touchdown and a field goal just minutes before, the last thing the WHS Girls' Hockey team wanted to do was to lose by the same outcome by the same opponent, Arlington.

Although the girls only lost by a field goal and a safety - and put forth a much better effort than the boys' team did - practically the same tune was played in this one. The Wildcats were out-matched by a far superior Arlington team which came away with the 5-0 win, including holding a 32-7 advantage in shots.

Wilmington fell to 2-8-1 overall and were outscored 9-0 in two games in five days, which included a 4-0 loss to Winchester (7-3-1) and then the 5-0 loss to Arlington (6-4-1).

"(We faced) two really strong teams," said first-year head coach John LaPiana. "With Winchester, we weren't as aggressive to the puck and we didn't stick to the game plan. We went in with a game plan and we deviated from that and it

nipped us in the butt.

"(On Saturday), we faced another very strong team. (Arlington) moved the puck very well, even their third line is strong. They did a really good job of moving pucks to the net. The majority of their goals came directly on us turning the puck over. It's something that we are working to correct. It's going to happen (against the better teams) because they are stronger on the stick than us, they are stronger on the puck than us and they are going to cause us to cough up the puck more. They are faster to the puck so all of these things contribute to us coughing up the puck and years of bad habits left uncorrected."

Arlington led 2-0 after the first period and had an 15-0 advantage in shots. The second period was better with the 'Cats trailing 3-0 and were outshot 8-2, before the Spy Ponders scored two more goals in the third period.

"Today we faced a good team. We had a couple of bad bounces but I can't be down on the girls for their effort or their execution. We just got beat to pucks and beat to areas. Winchester was a completely different

game.

"Against Winchester, I think (because) we had a couple of (consecutive) wins (heading into the game) that the girls got away from the strategy and we went to 'hero hockey' instead of 'team hockey' and that really came back to bite us in the butt," said LaPiana.

The next morning, Wilmington blanked Bishop Fenwick, 4-0 in a non-league game. The Crusaders (5-5-2) play an independent schedule. Jill Miele led the way with two goals while Danielle Silva added a goal and an assist. Danielle Riley scored the other goal, while Lia Kourkoutas, Gina Bertolami and Payton Fuller had single assists. Melanie Hayden posted the shut out in the net with another strong outing.

"This was a big win for us as we try to build a team, a season and a program," said LaPiana. "I think the girls believe what we're teaching them and telling them, but they need to experience some success and compare and contrast it to the failures to learn to compete and to win."

Wilmington led 1-0 after the first period, but were outplayed in the final seven

minutes of it.

"The last seven minutes we spent with the puck in our end," said the coach. "At the break, we identified the reasons for that, made a few adjustments and the girls responded with two goals in the second period. Moreover, I think we gave up just one shot on net in the second period."

"We played a solid third period. Multiple players made the point sheet, it was a shut out for Melanie Hayden in the net and overall, a good team win."

The win pushed Wilmington to 3-8-1 overall and still gives the team a slim chance of qualifying for the state tournament. The Wildcats need 13 points in their last eight games to get in and will face Lexington (3-7-2), Melrose (10-2-1), Burlington (3-7-2), Wakefield (5-8-0), Stoneham (6-4-3), Watertown (2-7-3), St. Joe's (11-0) and Fenwick again.

The 'Cats have defeated Watertown, St. Joe's and Fenwick, tied Burlington, were defeated by Melrose (5-2), Stoneham (3-0) and Wakefield (8-4), the last in a game that half of the Wildcat line-up out due to sickness.

## Wildcats give up ten goals in ugly loss to Division 1A Champs

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WILMINGTON - Since his first year as head coach back in the 1991-'92 season, Steve Scanlon has been behind the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team's bench for 607 games (minus sickness). He doesn't recall ever losing a game like his team did on Saturday afternoon.

Before the home crowd at Risticuccia, the Wildcats were completely dominated in every single facet of the game, losing to the reigning Division 1A Champions of Arlington by a 10-1 score. The 'Cats were down 6-0 with 6:34 left in the second period, and when the final buzzer thankfully finally went off, the 'Cats were out-shot 47-12.

"Oh absolutely (this is the worst loss the program has had in a long time)," Scanlon answered. "I can't remember a Wilmington team ever giving up ten goals in a game. We know that we are depleted defensively with the injury and the illness, but our compete level is not there and it wasn't there against Winchester either. As soon as we got down by a goal (it disappeared). If you go into that locker room after three periods and we have kids who are taking regular shifts who don't have a drop of sweat on them."

"To survive in this (Middlesex) league we have to work real hard every night. We don't have the skills and the depth to match up with a lot of these

teams. There's no excuse for not working. You can work and stay in games and there's no excuse for that."

Certainly the lack of effort was glaring right from the get-go. Arlington scored just 1:50 into the game and the bubble burst at that point.

Scanlon was asked two questions: Between Winchester, Burlington and Arlington, which Middlesex League team is the best in his mind and is Arlington really nine goals better than the Wildcats?

"As far as I'm concerned, the best skating team in the league is Winchester," he said, knowing that the 'Cats were defeated by the Sachems 7-2 just five days earlier while falling to Burlington, 6-1 earlier in the season. "They stumbled a bit early but they are coming on. They look good to me. Burlington is relentless. I think it'll be a great game as (Arlington and Burlington) play Wednesday night."

"And Arlington, they know how to win. They have been there, the kids are determined and they know what they are doing. We shouldn't be losing 10-1. I could see 5-1 or something like that especially with the defensemen out. You are asking a lot of the two kids (filling in)."

"It was just a little more than a week ago that we played great in the Tewksbury game. We came out flying and put three full periods together. We have some winnable games coming up, but we're not going



Before the Wilmington-Arlington Boys Hockey game played on Saturday, the Wildcats honored three families which had been affected by cancer. "Big" Stephen Bowker (center) was just released from the hospital a few days beforehand. After his son Stephen met him as part of the event, the entire team followed and joined in what became a special moment for the entire Bowker Family including wife Janice and young Stephen, who is inbetween them. (courtesy photo)

to beat anybody playing the way we're playing. Now it's about work, having some pride in you. I thought we could come out and play today (and we didn't)."

In the first game of the season, the 'Cats lost junior defenseman Conlin Duffy, which was a big blow to the blueline group. On Saturday the team was without Jarred Aucoin, a veteran defenseman, who was out with mono, leaving one to think that neutral zone and defensive zone coverages would be that much more important. But it wasn't. The 'Cats batted zero across the board on this day.

"Clearly some of the kids are uncomfortable with the competition level," said Scanlon. "It's the same thing that's going on with the other teams in the school. You are overwhelmed (by the opposing teams). When you look behind these kids, we don't

have the numbers or the depth. If you don't do what you are told on the Arlington bench, they got three more kids to replace you and we don't."

"We just told the kids to put this one behind us. We got some games that we can be competitive in, but if you can't work any harder than this, you're not beating anybody. We have Lexington on Wednesday and they tied Arlington. They are 6-6-2 and need points to qualify for the tournament so we're going to have our hands full."

"Then next Saturday we're at Melrose and they are playing a lot better. We played good against them but they are a lot better. They beat Belmont the other day, 2-0. No game is easy for us. We can't just show up and win. We don't have that kind of talent."

The loss puts Wilmington at 4-8-0 meaning the team has to win six of its last

eight games to qualify for the tournament which is a very tall order considering the schedule with away games with Lexington (6-2-2), Melrose (7-6-1), Medford (8-3-2), Stoneham (8-2-2), Wakefield (4-8-1) and Shawshen Tech (10-4-0), and home games with Burlington (12-2-0), Wakefield and Chelmsford (3-9-2).

Wilmington last made the tournament during the 2015-'16 season losing 5-0 to Arlington.

Since losing to Reading in the Division 1 sectional final back in the 2013-'14 season, the Wildcats have gone 30-38-9, which is the worst four-year stretch (still with nine games to play) since 1992-'95 (26-45-4).

## K of C Free Throw Contest, February 8

The annual Wilmington K of C Free Throw competition will be held Thursday, February 8th at the Wilmington High School Gymnasium. Wilmington boys and girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate. Registration begins at 6:30 and the competition starts at 7pm.

Last year's competition was a great success and we look forward to another great event this year.

For details or any additional information, contact Dan Woods at (781) 710-7779 or donco7@verizon.net.



# Wrestling team sends three to finals of Middlesex League Invitational Meet

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WAKEFIELD - Behind some strong efforts from several of their wrestlers, the Wilmington High Wrestling team earned a fifth place finish at the Middlesex League Tournament last Saturday at Wakefield High School. It was an outstanding overall effort for the Wildcats, who had three second place finishes on the day, along with three third place finishers, one fourth, two fifths and one sixth.

The Wildcats finished with a total of 158 points on the day, while Wakefield took the overall team title with 375 points.

"It was awesome to have three kids in the finals," Wilmington coach Joel McKenna said. "It was another positive step for a lot of these guys. I thought a lot of our kids wrestled really well."

"Finishing second for the Wildcats were freshman Shane Penney at 106 pounds, junior Ethan Karneskay at 132 pounds and senior Mike DeLucia at heavyweight, while freshman Joe Ganley (120), senior captain Pat Carroll (152) and senior Brenden Ross (195) all earned third place finishes.

"Additionally, Sophomore Alex Stearns took a fourth place finish at 126 pounds, while senior captain John Cox (145) and junior Nick Kullman earned fifth place finishes and sophomore Jacob Bernard (113) finished sixth.

"Among the best of the performances for the Wildcats was Penney at 106 pounds. After a big semi-final win over Luke Fitzgerald of Wakefield in the semi-finals, he was stopped by Adrian Hunter of Melrose in the finals.

"Shane had a real solid win in the semifinals, but in the finals he ran into a kid who was an All-State champ from last year, who also placed in the New England Tournament," McKenna said. "It was only Shane's second match against a wrestler of that caliber. Shane is having a great year, but his opponent was a kid on the next level. But that is Shane's goal, is to get to that level and he is working at it, and he is trying to get there."

Karneskay was equally as impressive in earning his runner up finish, winning his first match by pin before pulling out a dramatic 7-6 win in the semifinal over Nico Nocek of Belmont. Karneskay came up short in the finals, losing an 8-3 decision to Yanni Kechriotis of Arlington, but McKenna was very happy with Karneskay's overall performance on the day.

"Ethan had a great day," McKenna said. "In his semifinal

match, he was down a few points in the third period, but he had a good reversal and picked up some points. He had the wherewithal to achieve his goal of getting into the finals, and he was able to pull out a big win. This was his first time in the tournament finals, so this is a big step for him.

"Even in the finals, he wrestled well. He fell behind early, and a lesser individual may have folded, but Ethan came back and picked up some points near the end of the match. The score did not reflect his effort."

The Wildcats final runner up was DeLucia at heavyweight, a remarkable feat considering the weight that the 212 pound senior is routinely giving up to his opponents. DeLucia didn't let the size difference bother him in picking up a 1-0 quarterfinal win over Dan LaMonica of Wakefield or a win by pin in just 1:12 in the semi-finals over Lucas Laurenza of Reading. DeLucia was finally stopped in the finals by Charles Gillis of Arlington, getting pinned at the 5:50 mark.

"He is giving up a lot of weight, sometimes as much as fifty or sixty pounds, but the best thing about Mike is that he doesn't bat an eye, he just goes out there and competes," McKenna said. "He is very poised. Not a lot rattles his cage, and he is not one to avoid competition."

"He wrestled really well, but he missed a couple of practices this week because he was sick and I think that affected his conditioning a little bit. He just kind of ran out of gas at the end, and I think if he hadn't missed those practices he would have been in a better position."

Ganley went 4-1 on the day to earn his third place finish at 120 pounds, losing his second match of the day, and then rattling off three straight wins, including a victory by pin in 3:16 over Olivier Hepler of Lexington in his third place match.

"Joe did a very good job," McKenna said. "His inexperience can hurt him at times, but he is putting together some really good matches. He has really stepped up his game. He is very tenacious. We are looking for him to make some noise in the post season."

Carroll had the misfortune of running into a nearly unbeatable opponent in his semifinal match losing by pin to eventual champ Darren Driscoll of Reading, but he bounced back nicely to take third place, pinning Matt Cunningham of

Wakefield in 1:44 in the consolation finals.

"He just ran into a buzz saw in the semi-finals," McKenna said. "I think the kid he faced is ranked third or fourth in the state, but to Pat's credit, he wrestled him hard, and battled him all the way, but in the end, the kid just had a little too much firepower."

Ross earned his third place finish by pinning Kenny Tran of Wakefield in just 20 seconds in the consolation finals, but that may not have even been his best match of the day, as that came in his 6-2 loss in the quarterfinals to eventual champ Aiden Coleman of Wakefield. What made that loss so impressive was that Ross had faced the same opponent just last week in a quad meet against Wakefield and he had lost by 15 points.

"He battled him all the way this time," McKenna said. "It was a 1-1 match until late, which was a big improvement from last week. He has been working so hard, so it was great to see him close the gap like that on an opponent in just one week. From a coaching standpoint that is great to see, and it shows the kind of ability he has."

The Wildcats will be back in action this weekend, competing in a super quad meet at the Wynn Middle School in Tewksbury against Reading, Greater Lowell, Tyngsboro and host Tewksbury.

## Andersen's 30 points not enough

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WILMINGTON - After last Tuesday's blow-out win over Winchester, first-year Wilmington High School Girls' Basketball coach Jessica Robinson was hoping that her team would come away with wins in their next two games which would put them in a position to qualify for the state tournament with a win this Friday at home against league front-runner Melrose.

That didn't happen as the 'Cats got off to a very slow start with a road game against Arlington last Friday and were defeated 47-44, despite senior captain Caroline Andersen scoring a career high 30 points.

Wilmington did get back on track at home on Tuesday night taking care of business with a 45-29 win over a struggling Lexington team.

The 1-1 week puts Wilmington at 8-5 overall. The 'Cats need two wins in their last seven games to qualify for the Division 2 North sectional

tournament. These last seven games will be extremely important, to not only get in, but to try to get a middle of the line seeding wise, avoiding the top teams early on.

Wilmington won't pull out any tournament wins if they played like they did against Arlington.

"We were sloppy and got off to a slow start and were down by 12 points," said Robinson. "We had to fight back and we had a nice push in the fourth quarter but ended up running out of time. Caroline had 30 points that night and she did a nice job of finishing at the hoop. Dana Goulet did a nice job guarding Arlington's best player, to slow her down big time in the second half."

On Tuesday, Lexington scored the game's first basket but Wilmington responded with a 10-2 run on back-to-back three-pointers by senior Jill Roche and sophomore Jenna Tavanese, which helped the 'Cats take a commanding 16-7 lead after the first quarter.

Both teams struggled to execute offensively in the second quarter, combining for just nine points with

the 'Cats leading 22-10 at the break.

Lexington did make things somewhat interesting midway through the third quarter going on an 10-2 run of their own to cut the deficit to seven at 31-24. Senior Bella Granara nailed two free throws to go up 33-24 into the fourth quarter.

The 'Cats would eventually put the game away on an 10-0 run behind free throws from Andersen and Kylie DuCharme, a basket by Liz Gordon and two field goals by Tavanese.

Tavanese had a nice night with 14 points and six assists, Liz Gordon and Jill Roche added seven points each and DuCharme had a whopping ten steals on the defensive end.

"We played team ball and it showed with balance scoring. We did a nice job defensively as well and we executed our press well," said Robinson.

Wilmington will host Melrose (9-3) on Friday night before going on the road for the next two with Burlington (7-6) and Wakefield (11-1).



Wilmington High's Sam Vince competes in the 55-meter hurdles for the Boys Track team during an earlier season meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Kenney breaks his own dash record again

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ROXBURY - On Saturday the Wilmington High School Boys Indoor Track-and-Field teams competed at the Massachusetts State Coaches Association Invitational Meet, in the small school division held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

The Wildcats had several strong performances led by senior John Kenney, who broke his own school record in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.73 seconds to take fifth place overall.

"John is a cool competitor. He is unfazed by the pressure of the moment," said head coach Mike Kinney. "He executed excellent form coming out of the blocks, and got an explosive start in both the

trials and the finals. He was competing against the top runners in the state from divisions three, four and five. It is nice to see his success. He is a class act and an excellent role model for the younger athletes."

Kenney was also a part of the 4x200 relay team which took seventh, missing out on placing by one hundredth of a second. The team of Tom Hogan, Mike Fothergill, Kenney and Sean Braz finished with a combined time of 1:36.83.

The 4x800 relay team qualified for the state meet with their tenth place finish and time of 8:52.67 behind the efforts of Brian and Kevin Elder, Jake Danieli and Greg Adamek. Adamek also competed in the mile finishing with a personal best time of 4:48.13, which

was good for 35th overall place. Brian Elder was also 20th in the 600 (1:30.76) and Kevin was 25th in the 1,000 (2:49.50) and Hogan was 39th in the 300 (39.60).

Braz along with AJ Curdo, Max Duong and Sam Vince finished 11th as part of the 4x400 relay team with a time of 3:48.81. Braz was also 16th in the 600 at 1:29.78, Duong was also 24th in the long jump at 16-05.00.

Also competing included Sam Vince, who was 27th in the 55-meter hurdles (8.78) and Ben Packer, who was 20th in the two-mile at 10:35.09.

The Wildcats will be back in action competing in the Middlesex League Championship Meet to be held Monday at 4:30 pm back at the RLC.

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### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on an Abbreviated Notice of Intent filed by Erica M. Gemellaro and Michael Bastolla, 37 Arlene Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to remove a portion of existing deck and construct a 16' x 16' addition on diamond pier foundation system to rear of house. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 37 Arlene Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map A90 Parcel 13. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Julie Flynn, Chair  
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### PUBLIC MEETING

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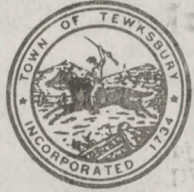
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### LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF  
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### PUBLIC MEETING

The Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting February 7th, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 to review Rules and Regulations for the use of Tewksbury Conservation Land. Notice is also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/  
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### PUBLIC HEARING

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## Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Coach among the all-time best

## Donovan reaches incredible milestone with 500 career victories

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BILLERICA - Shawsheen Tech Wrestling coach Mark Donovan has never been one to seek a lot of attention for his accomplishments, preferring to let his record speak for itself, or more precisely, preferring to let the attention be directed at the accomplishments of his wrestlers whom he has guided over the past 33 years to make Shawsheen Tech one of the best wrestling programs in all of Massachusetts.

But the fact of the matter is, it keeps getting harder to not give Donovan's remarkable career the attention it deserves. Last Monday night marked another milestone in a career chock full of them, as the Donovan led the Rams to his 500th career victory with a 68-15 win over Whittier Tech at Shawsheen's Cook Street Pavilion.

Not only did the win mark the 500th of Donovan's career, it also clinched the tenth consecutive CAC title for the Rams, and the 23rd league title of Donovan's career, to go along with 16 Massachusetts State Vocational championships.

Donovan has also presided over 48 Division 1 North individual champions, 12 Massachusetts Division 1 champions, eight All-State champions, three New England champions and a three-time National High School All-American.

The Tewksbury native is also a two-time Hall of Famer, being elected to the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2009, and being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2014.

Last Wednesday, once again back at the Cook Street Pavilion, Donovan was honored in a ceremony prior to the Rams dual meet with Marshfield, a meet by the which would bring Donovan his 501st career win, by a score of 57-18.

Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Tim Broadrick led the ceremony, which culminated in the presentation of a plaque to Donovan commemorating his latest historic milestone. The ceremony had been kept a secret from Donovan in the days leading up to it, but he was thrilled with the honor and to have his family in attendance to witness it.

"The ceremony was nice, and it was great to have my

family there tonight, including my brother Al, who coached me at Tewksbury High, and my wife Patty," Donovan said. "It made it very special to have all of them there."

One of the other nice things about the ceremony for Donovan was to see the respect shown to him not only by the Shawsheen wrestlers and fans, but also the entire Marshfield team, who stood and applauded throughout the ceremony for Donovan.

"It just shows what a great wrestling fraternity we have. It was great for everybody to be able to see that," Donovan said. "I didn't think they were going to do anything tonight, so it was very humbling."

Even two days after reaching the milestone, it was still hard for Donovan to believe the exclusive company he is now in, as very few coaches in the history of Massachusetts wrestling have achieved 500 wins, Winchester's Larry Tremblay leads the way with over 700 wins, but the list after him is very short, and now includes Donovan.

"I want to be humble about it, but I realize I am in a lot of great company like George Bossi, Larry Tremblay, Bruce Rich and guys like that," Donovan said. "Those are some great coaches, and 33 years later if you had asked me, I don't think I ever would have thought I would be up there with them. It's almost like I don't think it's real yet."

Donovan may find it hard to believe, but for those who know him best, the milestone marks another well deserved notch on his Hall of Fame resume. Shawsheen assistant coach Doug Pratt, who has been with Donovan for 27 of his 33 years with the Rams, says it is Donovan's selfless approach which has helped him be so successful.

"Coaching with him is great. He is great with his assistant coaches. When we make decisions we make them together," Pratt said. "He relies on his coaches, he is not one of these head honcho guys, or a big ego guy. He is nothing like that."

"Sometimes we tell each other we just agree to disagree. If he was a different kind of guy with an ego or something like that, it would not be possible."

But beyond his relationship with his assistant coaches, it is Donovan's work with his

wrestlers which has brought him to such great heights.

"He is great to these kids. I don't know how he does it, but he gets the best out of these kids, all of them," Pratt said. "And it's him. It's because of him. I don't know how he does it, but he does it year after year."

Donovan was quick to point out, both in the aftermath of his 500th win on Monday, as well as after the ceremony on Wednesday, that while he gets the credit for all of the wins, he realizes he would not be the success that he is without the efforts of those around him.

"You are only as good as your coaching staff, and the kids you have wrestling for you," Donovan said. "As far as I am concerned, all of these 500 wins belong to Dougie Pratt as well. He's a Hall of Famer in my book. Like I said before, you are only as good as your coaches, and I have a great coaching staff with Dougie, Mike Ganchi, Rob McIsaac, Nick Hoar and Brian Caldwell."

"We are a family, and we are very tight. Sometimes I get overtaken by them. If they get a majority of the vote, I will listen to what they say. They are the real coaches of this team as far as I am concerned."

That very well may be, but Pratt says there is no doubt as to who the leader of this program is, and his name is Mark Donovan.

"It's amazing. I have been in the circuit for a while now, and I don't know for sure, but I would say there are probably something like eight guys (in Massachusetts) who have (reached 500 wins). It's an unbelievable accomplishment," Pratt said. "He just keeps getting better, and it is because the kids just buy into him. And he gets the best out of these guys. And that's not me, that is him."

For Donovan, the wins are certainly important, and setting records is certainly a great accomplishment, but for him coaching means so much more than that.

"The best thing about coaching to me is not about winning and losing, it is about the kids coming back to the program, a kid calling you at three in the morning needing help, a kid telling you that he loves you, and you are like a second dad," Donovan said. "That's the good stuff, that's what means the most to me."



Before last Wednesday's home match, legendary Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Coach Mark Donovan was honored for winning his 500th match which happened two days earlier against Whittier Tech. Above, he poses with the plaque given to him by Superintendent Tim Broadrick, along with his family including wife Patty and sons Matthew and Shawn. Below, Broadrick presents him with the plaque. (courtesy photos).



## Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

## Wrestling team finishes second at State Voc Meet

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

sports@yourtowncrier.com

DANVERS -- While they were unable to take home a fifth consecutive team title on Saturday, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team still put on an outstanding display of wrestling at the at the State Vocational Wrestling Tournament at Essex Tech, with six wrestlers winning championships in their weight class while the Rams posted a second-place finish in the team standings.

Putnam Tech of Springfield was first with 262 points, while the Rams were second with 250 points, easily outdistancing the rest of the competition, which included Tri-County (162), Bristol-Plymouth (160) and Greater Lowell Tech (159).

Winning individual titles for the Rams were freshman Frank Foti (106-pounds), freshman Austin Dube (113), junior Brian Caldwell (132), junior Vincent Foti (138), senior Tom Strow of Wilmington (152) and junior Omar Eldaly of Wilmington (220).

Christian Hoar posted a

second place finish for the Rams at 182 pounds, while placing third were Stephan Saint-Juste at 145 pounds and Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury at 160 pounds.

"We had a great day. We wrestled real well," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "Putnam is legit, and we know they would be a challenge, but we had some kids wrestle very well. We were losing something like 228-200 heading into the finals but we got some big wins against Putnam and made it close."

Strow went 4-0 on the way to his title at 152 pounds, dominating his first two matches with first period pins, before beating Spencer Telega of Franklin County Technical School in the semifinals by a score of 11-8, and Jaron Brown of Putnam in the finals by a score of 9-4.

Eldaly stormed his way into the finals at 220 pounds with three straight pins, including one in just 14 seconds, before pulling out a dramatic 6-5 win over Davyn Peterson of Putnam in the finals.

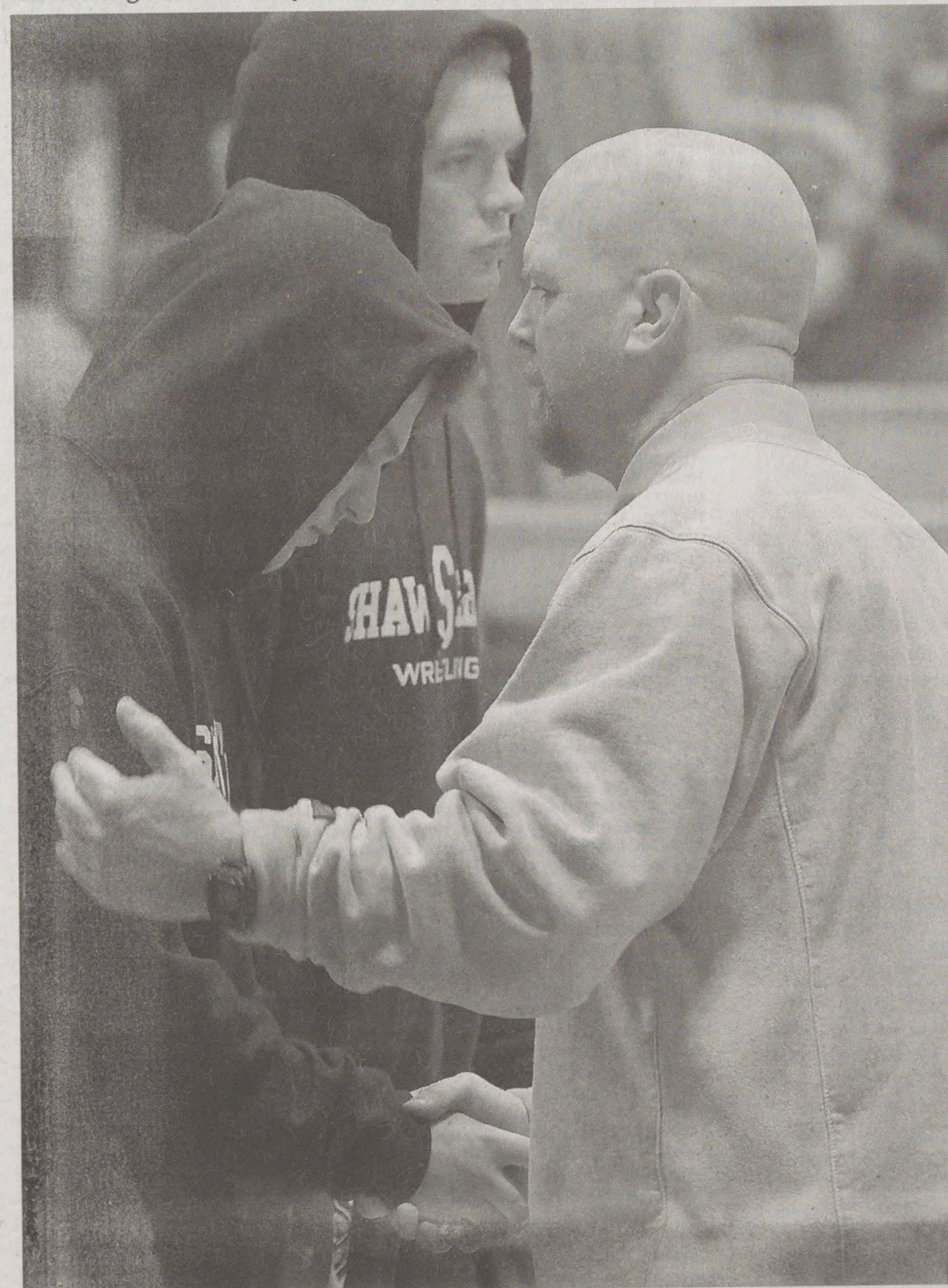
"I was very, very happy with the way we wrestled, and very, very happy with the effort of all of the guys," Donovan said. "Every kid won at least one match, so I was very proud to see that."

Prior to the vocational meet, the Rams had picked up a big non-league dual meet win over Marshfield last Wednesday night at Shawsheen Tech by a score of 57-18, improving their dual meet record to 22-3 on the season.

Frank Foti (106, forfeit), Austin Dube (113, forfeit), Andrew Lopez (120, pin), Brian Caldwell (132, decision), Vincent Foti (138, pin), Stephen St. Juste (145, pin), Tom Strow (152, forfeit), Cody Sughrue (160, pin), Jeff Seward (195, pin) and Omar Eldaly (220, pin) all picked up wins for the Rams.

Donovan, who was honored with a ceremony prior to the match in recognition of his 500th career win, was happy with the way his team dominated against such a quality opponent, particularly in

ROUND-UP PG SP12W



In 33 years as wrestling coach, Mark Donovan has collected over 500 victories, 23 league titles, 12 Division 1 state champions, 8 All-State Champs and 3 New England Champions. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).





The annual Silver Lake Classic Hockey Tournament was a complete success once again. In the top left photo, Brian Cuddy is trying to score while being defended by Mike Cuddy; bottom left, from the championship game, Brian Cuddy, Bob Sinopoli, Dave O'Connell, and Zack Church enjoy the competition and above, Matt Thomas who lost his balance but still scored. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Silver Lake Classic a blast once again

On Saturday morning, the ninth annual Silver Lake Classic Hockey Tournament was held in Wilmington.

Event Director Bob Voner, a WHS Hall of Famer, was just elated knowing this was the first time in three years the event went off and was completed.

"The past two years we have not been able to play due to the weather," he said. "This year we were able to get it in, but the conditions still worsened as the morning got warmer. Regardless, the players powered through the elements and completed the tournament."

Voner said that big thanks go out to Bob Lesko, Scot MacKenzie, Jack Sullivan, Brad Lawrenson and Jack Warford for preparations which began at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

As for the tournament, Voner explained that there's two divisions, Tier-1 which is comprised of "current skaters and high school heroes" and Tier-2 which is made of "skaters that have either taken some significant time off, or just skate every so often on the ponds for fun."

The Tier-1 winning team included Bob Sinopoli, Brian Cuddy, Derek Cuddy and Zack Church and the Tier-2 winning team included Mike Herra, Andrew Campbell, Scott Barry, Kevin O'Hearn and Cam Splaine.

All in all the entire day was a complete success.

"Many levels of reunions from WHS and every time we host this event the glory days take center stage in the conversation," said Voner. "It's a great tradition and if mother nature is getting along with old man winter, we have the makings of the most exciting day of the winter, every year."

- JAMIE POTE -

## TGBL offering scholarships

Tewksbury Girls' Basketball League is pleased to once again offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have participated in our program. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2018 to be considered.

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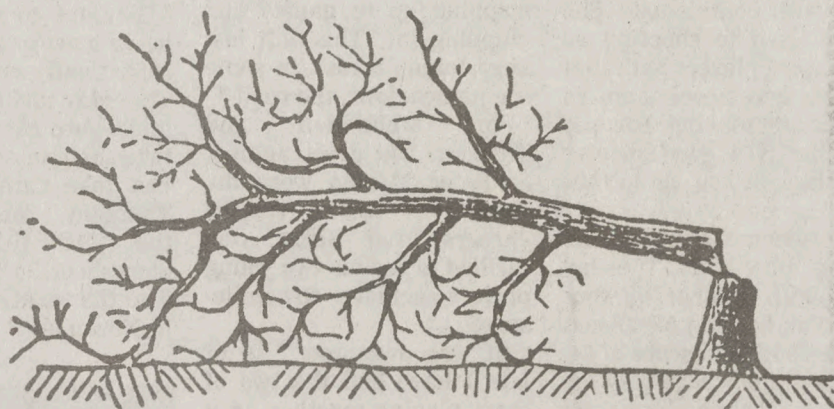
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## Shawsheen Tech Round-Up

# Girls Hoop team continues to pile up the wins

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what was a very special match for his senior class.

"Marshfield is a tough team, but we wrestled very hard. The kids knew what was going on," Donovan said. "For the seniors it is the last time they will wrestle in this gym, and so I reminded them of that before we went out. I just told them I wanted them to go out and give one hundred percent win or lose, and that is what they did."

The senior class, which includes captains Christian Hoar, Tom Strow, Andrew Lopez and Cody Sughrue, along with Matthew Winn and Dylan Herrick, have had remarkable careers at Shawsheen, being part of four CAC championships and three state vocational titles.

"The seniors are a very tight group," Donovan said. "They really care about each other, they love each other, and they push each other. They are going to be missed."

## GIRLS HOOP

The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team continues to roll along, picking up two more CAC wins this past week to improve to 9-2 overall on the season.

The Lady Rams started their week last Tuesday with a 52-11 blowout win over Essex Tech in a home game at the Cook Street Pavilion. Shawsheen was led by a strong effort by virtually their entire roster, as every member of the team was able to get into the game.

"It was an easy win that we were able to play everyone and get significant minutes for some of the bench players," Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss said. "It is always nice to get a divisional win so we just got out front on them and cruised for most of the game."

One of the Lady Rams top players was freshman Shelby Boudreau, who had eight points and seven rebounds in her first significant varsity action of the season.

"Shelby started playing a little on both the JV and varsity level and lately has moved to just the varsity," Sueltenfuss said. "She has great skill that we are working to get her at the varsity level with confidence. She is not used to shooting as there were players with that role on her travel team so now I am making her see that she is a good shooter and she can help us in that spot."

Shawsheen continued their strong play this Tuesday night with another blowout CAC win, beating Northeast on the road by a score of 64-43 in a game where they led 30-12 at halftime. The Lady Rams were led by a game high 15 points by freshman Susanna Gillis, while junior guard Alex DiPerri had 13 points, and junior forward Sam Moriconi had eleven rebounds.

"Once again, I was able to get everyone significant minutes and every player contributed to the win with scoring," Sueltenfuss said. "I could have tightened the defense and kept their score lower but felt a win, no injuries with some fun was a great way to lead into the second half where we face some of the biggest road blocks."

With their ninth win of the season, the Lady Rams now need just one more win to qualify for the post season and with five wins in a row and six of their last seven, they seem to be playing some of their best basketball of the season as they head into the second half of the season.

Sueltenfuss is very happy with how her team is playing, but she warns against them getting too overconfi-

dent.

"Our second half is stacked with tough games," Sueltenfuss said. "I planned it that way, moving some games around to make us better ready for the tourney. So, we are going to go one game at a time with a lot of focus on how we can better our game. We have a gig rematch Friday (against Greater Lowell) that should give us some idea how we play out."

## BOYS HOCKEY

The Shawsheen Boys Hockey team certainly seems to have hit their stride as they head into the home stretch of their regular season, having won five games in a row and seven of their past eight overall, to improve to 10-4 on the season. This past week, they dominated a pair of opponents, beating non-league rival St. Peter Marian by a score of 5-0 last Thursday, before routing CAC rival Minuteman by a score of 8-0 on Saturday.

"We have been playing well," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "Hopefully heading toward playing our best hockey as we wind down the season in February and hit the state tournament. The team attitude is great and they all seem to be coming together more each day."

One of the best things about this week for the Rams is that they got their scoring from a variety of sources. While their top scorers of Matt Irwin, Jack Duggan and RJ Page continue to put points on the board, they have started to get scoring from many other players as well, as evidenced by the St. Peter Marian game where along with a goal by Page, they also got goals from junior defenseman Beau Ramsey, as well as sophomore forward Nick Farrell of Wilmington as well as sophomore forwards Brady McFadden and Drew Theodos, both of Tewksbury.

"We have been all over the roster with guys contributing. This is a great thing as teams are going to try to focus on our point guys in Irwin, Duggan and Page," Baker said. "We need to make sure to have guys stepping up in games and chipping in. This will just keep teams honest in some big games down the road."

For McFadden and Theodos, the goals against St. Peter Marian were the first of their varsity careers, and Baker was thrilled to see his two young players achieve the milestone.

"It was awesome. As of late I have had the two of them playing together on a line," Baker said. "They scored goals one and two in that game. They got the team rolling. We played one of our best games of the season last week against St. Peter Marian."

Bobby Mitza picked up the shutout in net for the Rams. Against Minuteman, it was Carter O'Rourke picking up the shutout between the pipes, while the Rams got goals from senior forward Nick Nardella, senior defenseman Ryan Kelly, senior defenseman Story Michaud, and senior forward Andrew Tsoukalis, along with McFadden, Duggan and Page, who had two goals.

The Rams will be back in action on Thursday night when they host Essex Tech at the Hallenborg. A win will clinch the CAC title for the Rams, who are undefeated in the league at 7-0, while Essex Tech is 6-1, with their lone loss coming to Shawsheen in the season opener by a score of 4-1. Baker knows his team is going to have to be ready



Shawsheen Tech sophomore Jason Thibert heads down the ice with the puck during an earlier season varsity hockey game (photo by Bob DeChiara).



Playing defense for the Shawsheen Girls Basketball team during a recent home game includes Alexandria DiPerri, Shelby Bourdeau, Ashlyn Troisi, and Katie Morrissey (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

for a battle on Thursday night.

"Essex has been playing well all season long, especially in league play. They are also hanging in games out of league," Baker said. "They are going to come in being a newer program with realistically nothing to lose Thursday night. We need to make sure as usual that we take one game at a time and just take care of business Thursday. We need to get the CAC title back at Shawsheen. I have stressed it to the team since day one in November."

## CO-ED SWIMMING

The Shawsheen Tech Swimming team picked up a big win back on January 19 over CAC rival Northeast, pulling out a thrilling 83-79 win at the Shawsheen Tech Pool.

The Rams were led by some outstanding efforts from their relay teams, starting with the 200 meter open mixed freestyle, where the combination of Shawn Marshall, Chris Galiano, and Gonzalez and Will Bouley raced to victory in a time of 1:50.05, while in the open mixed medley relay,

the team of Sam Chebook, Joe Dinsmore, Jonathan Pinette and Kyle Simonds won in a time of 1:57.69.

Shawsheen also got some outstanding efforts in individual events with Deborah Boudrot taking first place in the 100-meter backstroke in a time of 1:22.06, while Jonathan Pinette was first in the 100-meter breaststroke in a time of 1:13.15 and Damien Hadden was first in the 200-meter freestyle in a time of 2:05.88.

Meanwhile Kyle Simonds took first place in the 50-

meter freestyle in a time of 27.33, while Robert Danahy was second in a time of 27.93. Jonathan O'Neil was first in the 100-meter butterfly in a time of 1:06.78, while Andrew Gonsalves was first in the 100-meter freestyle in a time of 1:04.66 and Sam Chebook was second in a time of 1:05.25.

The Rams will be back in action on Wednesday and Thursday for the CAC League Meets, with Wednesday's meet at Greater Lawrence and Thursday's meet at Lynn Tech.



The 2017-18 Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swim team.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

## TREE WARDEN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees;

Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:00am** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk along town roads. Town trees located within the public way that are designated

for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field.

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Brian Gilbert  
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## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## INVITATION TO BID

Replacement of Granulated Activated Carbon

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Sealed Bids for Diatomaceous Earth (the "Work") will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, until 2:30 PM on February 15, 2018, at which time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract Documents are available after 10:00 a.m. local time on Monday, January 29, 2018 by going to [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com), entering Project Code 823364 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact [www.projectdog.com](http://www.projectdog.com) or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

All bids must be submitted on forms provided, in sealed envelopes marked "Replacement of Granulated Activated Carbon". No such envelope shall contain more than one bid.

The Town Manager in his sole judgment reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, deemed to serve the best interest of the Town in accordance with the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

The bidding and Award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B. The Town reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

By: Brian Gilbert  
DPW Superintendent  
For: Richard Montuori  
Town Manager  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI18P0240EA

Estate of: Mitchell J. Dembowski  
Date of Death: 07/24/2011

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by Susan

Skolnick of Dracut MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Susan Skolnick of Dracut MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/15/2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 18, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
180093 1/31/18

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## TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing February 7th, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for a Notice of Intent for the construction of a new substation yard, installation of two new transmission taps, reconfiguration of existing distribution lines, installation of new underground duct system, and retirement of the existing Tewksbury #14 Substation. Said Property is located at 257 Old Boston Road, with work also occurring along a cross country right-of-way. Legal Notice is also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).  
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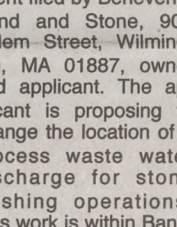


## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 8:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Benevento Sand and Stone, 900 Salem Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to change the location of a process waste water discharge for stone washing operations. This work is within Bank, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, Estimated Habitat of Rare Wetland Wildlife, and the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 900 Salem Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 27A. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Julie Flynn, Chair  
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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI18P0059EA

Estate of: Robert S. DiBerto  
Date of Death: November 12, 2017

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ann M. DiBerto of Tewksbury MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
Ann M. DiBerto of

## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

## CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Docket No. MI03P3800AA1

Estate of: Helen E. Bennett  
Date of Death: 11/08/2002

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Cheryl McKinnon of Salisbury MA

## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

## ORDER OF NOTICE

## MIDDLESEX, ss.

Action No. 2018-207

TO: Bruce Crockett and Ann Marie Crockett

and all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 et seq:

Citibank, N.A. s/b/m to Citibank, Federal Savings Bank, a national banking association with a usual place of business at O'Fallon, MO,

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## LEGAL NOTICE



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

## CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI18P0252GD

In the matter of: Sean A. Walsh  
Of: Tewksbury, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition

Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/21/2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 24, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
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has filed with this court a Complaint to Determine the Defendants' Servicemembers status in order to Foreclose the above-referenced Mortgage.

If you are now or recently have been in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property, then you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in this Court at 200 Trade Center, 2nd Floor, Woburn, MA 01801 on or before March 12, 2018, or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

**Witness:** Judith Fabricant, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Middlesex, Massachusetts, this 23rd day of January, 2018.

Michael A. Sullivan,  
CLERK  
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has been filed by Patricia W. Placentini of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sean A. Walsh is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Patricia W. Placentini of Tewksbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/16/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the

## LEGAL NOTICE



## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 8:10 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by North Wilmington Estates, LLC c/o Carlos Pereira, 669 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a new home, install a septic system, and related site work. This work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 6 Sgt. Vellozo Way, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcel 42. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Julie Flynn, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Julie Flynn, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
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written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 19, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



## TOWN OF WILMINGTON

## BOARD OF APPEALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

## Case 4-18

Iida B. Elfman F. T.  
c/o Phil Taylor, Esq.  
Map 26 Parcel 70

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 (to construct a second floor addition to an existing nonconforming structure) for property located on 827 Main Street.

## Case 5-18

Iida B. Elfman F. T.  
c/o Phil Taylor, Esq.  
Map 26 Parcel 70

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) §5.2.5 for an addition 5.8 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located 827 Main Street.

## Case 6-18

Michael Camosio  
Map 90 Parcel 93

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.1.6.4 (to construct a second floor addition to an existing nonconforming structure 24 feet from the front yard lot line when 24 feet is required, set §5.3.1 average of adjoining lots) for property located on 19 Dorothy Avenue.

## Case 7-18

Bettering LLC  
Map 89 Parcel 6A

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §3.4.6, 6.1.3, and 6.1.4 to construct a forty-eight (48) bed rehabilitation facility over the site of the razed building for property located on 362 Middlesex Avenue.  
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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Julie Flynn, Chair  
Conservation Commission  
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# Fifth and final installment of youth hockey graduating player profiles

This is a fifth in a series of articles celebrating Wilmington Youth Hockey's graduating class of seniors with Calvin Stafford and AJ McKearney

## CALVIN STAFFORD

The Stafford family is synonymous with Wilmington Youth Hockey. There is no family in the past 20 years that has been more impactful to the success of WYHA than the Staffords. Joanne Stafford spent many many years on the board of directors. Among the many hats Joanne wore on the board, she had the thankless job of keeping all the coaches in check. Joanne was the rule follower and nobody did it better.

Husband Scott, has also been a fixture of youth hockey. Nearly every single player mentioned Scott as being their first experience in coaching and his influence their skating abilities. Scott has devoted and donated countless hours to WYH's Learn to Skate and Learn to Play programs, he has been great keeping the kids excited and ready for more and more. Scott has been running the program for so long that nobody within the

board can accurately state how many years he has been doing it. All his time devoted to the organization's youngest skaters was in addition to Scott coaching his children's team.

The volunteerism did not end on the ice or at a meeting; the Staffords were the hardest working family at all the 4th of July festivities in Wilmington. You can bet that every week of the 4th, that Joanne was manning the Whack A Puck booth and Scott was out being the glow in the dark salesman hawking all the light sticks that cover the common lawn.

The children behind the Stafford devotion are Chris, Melissa and Calvin. As a long time observer of WYHA, this writer knows that much of the reason Wilmington Youth remains a strong institution is because of the Stafford family.

Also, as a long time observer one can say without question that Calvin Stafford is one of the nicest, hardest working, most coachable young men that ever graced the Ristuccia ice surface.

Calvin was bound to play hockey from the start. He was dragged from rink to rink to watch his older brother Chris and sister Melissa. Chris would later go on to play at the Shawsheen Tech, and Melissa skated with the Wilmington Figure Skating Club.

As stated previously, Cal was the hardest working player on every team he played for. He was a great practice player and in games he bounced around from forward to defense and back. Wherever you may ask Cal to play, he would fill in admirably with a quiet enthusiastic attitude.

As a player, Cal has always been fearless. He has never shied away from contact, and likes to dish out the hits but you will not find him hurting his team with trips to the penalty box. No one would ever confuse Calvin as a sniper, but he had way to find the net with dirty goals and would be on the ice when good things happened.

Over the years, Calvin found his home on defense. He can be seen this season manning the blue line for the Rams of the Shawsheen Tech.

Cal had an interest for all sports growing up. He played

baseball, soccer, and was part of Wilmington's inaugural season of lacrosse. Cal played from LTP to Midgets for WYH and is grateful for all his coaches that he had over the years. At the Shawsheen Tech, Cal has played four years of hockey and two years of baseball.

Calvin is weighing his college options as he looks pursue studies in computer science. As a Tech student, Cal has been working at IBM in Littleton every other week putting his trade and craft to work while establishing a valuable resume and work experience to take with him into the field.

Wilmington Youth Hockey owes the Stafford family the sincerest form of the thank you for all of their devotion to the program. But, the biggest thanks owed to the Stafford family is one for lending their son Calvin to us. Calvin is truly one of the nicest kids one will ever meet and we got to see him grow from a young child to the young man he is today with a great future ahead of him.

## AJ MCKEARNEY

No youth hockey player has ever had more pressure, responsibility and expectations placed upon him. No child could ever handle some much responsibility and not only survive but step above the crowd, lead a team, and excel as a player except for AJ.

As the incoming captain of Wilmington High School's varsity team, it was felt the best way to prepare him for the job would be give him responsibility and with that responsibility he was given more and more responsibility. In fact, in the end, the Wilmington's State Championship U18 Team was AJ McKearney. It was his team. Intentionally, the team was not a coach driven team it player leader driven team and Captain AJ McKearney was steering the ship.

It was a progressive build to make sure that captainship meant leadership. We started the year with Austrian born Tom Poeck running the practices. AJ was asked to monitor the kids having trouble with the thick accent or direction and give assistance when needed. Then during a game AJ was told with a minute left in the period that he would be

talking to the team. The coach simply walked away from the gathered players, and AJ was given the voice of the team. The in-between period talks would be taken over more and more by AJ, later in the season, other leaders would emerge and talk to the team as well like Bobby Lord, Jarred Aucoin and Tom Worob.

As the season progressed, it was AJ that ran every drill of every practice. When the team needed a tongue lashing after a poor performance, AJ brought the fire. When they played well, AJ let them know.

Not only was AJ being asked to be a leader, he was also being asked to think like a coach. He was consulted like an assistant coach for input on strategy and lineups. He was asked for opinions on player pairings, combinations and other suggestions.

It was officially AJ's team on the day of the Semi-finals against Stoneham when the coach stayed out of the locker room and it was AJ that seized the team, talked to the team, pumped up the team and lead the team to the ice. The team was his, he was their leader, and they were going to win the state championship.

AJ came to Wilmington Youth Hockey as four year old Buzzer.

The Buzzers is the youngest level of hockey for WYHA, and the term "buzzer" comes from the horn sounding off every two minutes as another group of eager skaters pour through swinging door and onto the ice. Four year old AJ, was ready for the ice but he wasn't quite ready for the loud horn. Observant and engaged youth coaches Joe Higgins and Sean Benoit saw the scared AJ and knew they needed to help him. For that the year, the Buzzers could have been re-named the Whistles as the coaches adjusted the thundering horn to a whistle and allowed AJ to develop his passion for hockey and saving his eardrums.

All through youth hockey, AJ would be chasing the State Championship before winning it in his final season. Along the way, he built twelve years of friendships with teammates that he will never forget. The proudest moment of winning the state championship was accomplishing the win as a team, a team of friends and every single friend on the bench skating just as much as the guy next to him and playing their hearts out for each other, a true team win.

Another great WYH moment was in 2009 playing in the Boston Bruins Futures Game

as AJ scored the goal that would be shown in between periods of the Bruins game on jumbotron.

AJ credits his development to coaches Higgins, Benoit, Kippenberger, Barrett, Robarge, Aucoin, Fiorenza and Nally. AJ says, "Their volunteer time over the years as well as their teaching of the game helped me tremendously and is truly appreciated."

In true form for AJ, he not only appreciates the coaches, but everybody else involved as well, "I would also like to thank the parents and families of our entire close knit group. We have all shared many laughs and a few tears together, I am thankful for your friendships. I would also like to extend out my complete respect and admiration for the hard work and team commitment of my brothers on and off the ice. It's been a great ride, but it's not over yet."

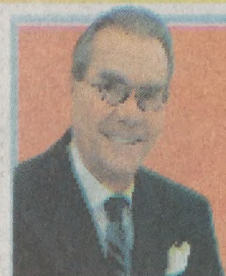
No wonder he is the Captain. Lori and Steve McKearney are so proud of their son and are excited to watch him venture off into the future this fall when he attends college to study business. Not only has AJ been accepted but he has been offered the Presidential Scholarship to most of them.



CALVIN STAFFORD



AJ MCKEARNEY



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